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EDITORIAL.

THE CARLISLE INFIRMARY.

WE have been requested, by various readers of this Journal in Cumberland, to consider, and express our views concerning, the proposed enlargement of the accommodation for the Nurses in the County Infirmary at Carlisle.

We have, therefore, inquired with some care into this matter, and may say at once that, in our judgment, there is the most urgent need for improvements in the Nursing Department; and, furthermore, that we are led to believe that the Committee of Management has not grasped the real difficulty of the situation. We shall speak quite frankly, and with the greater pleasure, because we fully appreciate the fact that the need of some reform has been felt and expressed by the Committee itself. In this, it is almost needless to add, the managers of the Carlisle Infirmary have taken a wise and honourable course, and their example may well be commended for imitation at many other Institutions throughout the country.

It will simplify our discussion of the subject if we first consider the present condition of the Nursing Department so far as its *personnel* and accommodation is concerned, and, then, the suggestions which are made for their improvement.

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