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**Editorial.**

THE LOWESTOFT HOSPITAL.

WE have received several communications concerning the recent troubles at the Lowestoft Hospital, and have inquired into the matter with some considerable care. It presents several features of importance to Nurses, and is, therefore, of more general professional interest than appears on the surface. The facts of the case are briefly as follows: The Hospital is a small one consisting of only thirty beds, of which, on the average, about twenty-four are constantly occupied. There are three Wards, and three visiting Surgeons. In January, 1887, the Medical Staff advised that there should be "two properly qualified Head Nurses, one for the male, the other for the female Ward." Now, nothing could be more wise than this resolution in the abstract, but, as we understand it, the consequence of the adoption of this recommendation by the Committee was that two "Sisters" were appointed. The idea of a Sister in charge of only eight patients will seem somewhat of a strange dispensation to most trained Nurses. These Sisters were apparently co-equal, and it seems that the rest of the Nursing Staff which, so far as we can gather, consisted of a Nurse and three Probationers, worked under these two ladies, which, allowing for night work, we presume meant that each Sister commanded one Probationer. Anyone acquainted with Hospitals could have foretold that with so little work, and such an arrangement, there would speedily arise

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