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Editorial.

THE CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY.

SOME few months ago, circumstances which occurred in connection with the Carlisle Infirmary compelled us to comment somewhat unfavourably upon the management of the Nursing department of that Institution. A fortnight ago, we incidentally referred to another matter in connection with this Institution, and this has elicited a communication, which appears to-day in another column, from the Secretary of the Hospital. We stated that the late Matron, Miss ALLEN, had expressed an opinion that one year's training would be quite sufficient for those whom it was proposed to send out as private Nurses. Mr. J. GEORGE HOWITT is so well acquainted, it appears, with every statement which Miss ALLEN has ever made, that he is enabled to assert that she "has not expressed any such opinion." We much regret to be compelled to doubt the accuracy of Mr. HOWITT's knowledge, but we have information, upon which we can entirely rely, that, when the question of sending out private Nurses from the Carlisle Infirmary was discussed, in connection with the proposed increased accommodation for the Nurses, Miss ALLEN not only expressed the opinion which we have quoted, but also mentioned, in support of that opinion, the names of various Hospitals in which this practice was pursued.

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