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Editorial.

THE LESSONS OF A TRAGEDY.—I

IN another column, our readers will find the account of an inquest which was recently held, consequent upon a tragedy caused by a Nurse. The story points such important morals that we feel it to be incumbent upon us to consider the matter at some length. But, first, we cannot but voice the surprise which is generally felt at the fact that the Superior of the Nursing Sisters of St. John the Divine did not immediately supply the information—very fairly demanded by *The Times* correspondent. This lady should quite clearly understand that her silence has been construed to mean that the Hospital training which this Nurse has received is open to criticism. And the public, which does not realise the manner in which it is treated by the Private Nursing Institution of the London Hospital and many other commercial concerns, seems shocked at the idea that the skill and experience of a Nurse, sent out by a reputable Home, should be called in question, and not be immediately and amply vindicated. We express no opinion on the question of whether, or not, Nurse BARNARD was properly trained for the responsible duties which she was sent out to fulfil. The salient facts are, that the Sisterhood

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