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Editorial.

CHARITABLE COMMERCE.

A CORRESPONDENCE, which has been proceeding in a daily contemporary, has called renewed public attention to a matter which is of the greatest importance to everyone concerned, and to which, therefore, it is our duty, on behalf of Nurses, to allude. Nothing is further from our desire—indeed, nothing is more opposed to our natural inclination—than to say one word in disparagement of any Hospital. But, in regard to Nursing matters, the time has arrived when the Committees of all public Medical Charities should recognize that during the past fifteen years an immense change has taken place which demands the institution of new rules and the abolition of old customs, to meet the altered conditions of modern Nursing. The chief correspondent of our contemporary was, we gather, engaged to be married to a late Probationer at the well-known Hospital for Consumption at Brompton. She died recently of typhoid fever, and much allowance must, therefore, be made for the bitterness of his feelings with regard to the allegations which he brings against the Hospital, concerning the manner in which she was treated. We have no space to consider the other charges which he brings, because we desire to concentrate attention upon a fact, the full significance of which does not seem to have been appreciated, although the complainant makes the following statement, with which most people will cordially agree—"Sweating is justly reprobated in merely mercantile transactions, but when it is enlisted on behalf of a charitable and philanthropic institution to fill its coffers at the expense of, or, at least, risk to, life, it becomes a grave and terrible scandal.

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