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## Editorial.

### POPULAR NURSING—II.

IN continuation of our remarks, a fortnight ago, upon the impossibility of affording any real instruction in Nursing under the proposed scheme, the conclusion to which we are led is that the excellently-intentioned promoters are placing themselves in a very false position by asserting to the ignorant poor that women so completely uneducated in Nursing can possibly confer "the benefits of skilled Nursing" upon them. In the next place, the extreme innocence, exhibited by the promoters of this scheme, of the terrible dangers to which their methods would expose the sick poor, is shown beyond dispute in the following simple suggestion of the work which would be done by their Nurses. "Besides helping in cases of accident and illness, capable Nurses will be at hand to assist women in their confinements . . . and when epidemics break out Nurses will be in readiness to help the medical officers in stamping out disease."

It would seem, then, that not only do these estimable people consider that a Nurse who, according to their own scheme, has only been taught "midwifery and monthly nursing, the management of infants and young children, and the laws of health," and the somewhat mysterious "cottage nursing," will be "capable" of giving "skilled nursing" "in cases of accident and illness," but they also positively suggest that the same capable Nurses will be at hand to assist women in their confinements, and yet will also "be in readiness" when epidemics break out. These persons seem actually unaware that if the same Nurse, at the same time, assisted women in their confinements, and helped in epidemics, it would

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