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### Editorial.

#### SUDDEN DEATHS.

SEVERAL of our readers have, at various times during the past year, asked for advice upon a matter of considerable importance, and as the question is again asked by a correspondent this week, it will, perhaps, be useful if we devote some little attention to the precise duties of the Nurse when she meets with cases of sudden death. It may occasionally happen that she finds that her patient—or, it may be, a complete stranger—has died suddenly and quite unexpectedly—perhaps even under circumstances suspicious of foul play. What should be her course of action under such circumstances? Should she alone, or with the assistance of others, after satisfying herself that death has occurred, so place the corpse that she can perform the last offices for it? or should she leave it untouched and permit no one else to touch it until the medical man in charge of the case has seen it? Judging by analogy, we would certainly counsel Nurses always to adopt the latter course of action.

As a general rule, with few exceptions, it is advisable that, when the body of a dead person is found, if death was not expected from antecedent disease or injury, a medical man should be immediately summoned, and that, until his arrival, the corpse should not be touched, while as few persons as possible should be permitted to enter the room. If death has obviously resulted from unusual causes, and either suicide or murder has been committed, it is above all things essential, for the purposes of justice, that this precautionary measure should be rigidly enforced. If by any accident, however, the assistance of a doctor cannot

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