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Editorial.

COTTAGE HELPS.

THE increased demand for skilled Nursing amongst all sections of the sick public, has naturally drawn attention to the necessity of defining the various classes of existing Nurses. It is generally recognised now, amongst professional people, that it is in the highest degree unjust to confuse all workers, good, bad, and indifferent, under the one generic term. Amongst trained Nurses, this feeling led to the movement in favour of Registration, in order to afford a guarantee both to the public and to the profession that those who were enrolled upon the Register of Trained Nurses were really deserving of that title. This movement, then, represented a great step in advance, and its manifest justice has led the public to better appreciate the difference between the skilled and the ignorant workers in the Nursing world. But it is beyond dispute that, just as women from the earliest times have been engaged in ministering to the sick—their affection and devotion being oftentimes a valuable substitute for trained intelligence and technical knowledge—so there are many women in all ranks of life who would be glad to render what services they could to their poorer neighbours, in sickness, and yet who neither desire nor deserve to take the title of trained Nurse.

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