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Editorial.

NURSES' TEETH.

A MATTER of considerable practical importance, concerning the health of nurses, has recently been brought to our notice. We are informed that several most excellent and thoroughly trained nurses were recently disqualified from appointment to important posts, in consequence of the unhealthy condition of their teeth. It is a well known fact that the condition of the teeth is an excellent index to the general bodily condition; and that, on the one hand, early decay of the teeth is a sign of deficient stamina and of a constitutional predisposition to such diseases as consumption; and that, on the other hand, the loss of the teeth, in early adult life, by preventing the due digestion of food, leads to various illnesses due to malnutrition.

It is, therefore, a matter of great importance that the teeth should always be carefully attended to, and this is especially the case with nurses, whose occupation tends of itself

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