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Editorial.

INSTITUTIONAL RULES.

A LETTER which appeared, last week, in the *Kentish Observer*, from Dr. Pugin Thornton involves questions which are of very great consequence both to private nurses and to the public. Dr. Thornton was bitten on the hand by a dog on March 30, and was confined to bed, the injury evidently requiring constant attention. He obtained a nurse from the Kent and Canterbury Institute on the date of the injury, and she remained with him until May 2nd. On April 25th, he received a letter from the Lady Superintendent saying that his nurse had, for some time, been engaged to go to a mental case a week later; that the services of the nurse had been promised before she had been sent to Dr. Thornton; and that while the institution could send Dr. Thornton another surgical nurse, it had no one on the staff so fitted for the mental case in question. The Superintendent, therefore, gave Dr. Thornton notice that the nurse, who had been with him for nearly four weeks must be withdrawn at the end of another week. Thereupon, Dr. Thornton saw the Chairman of the Institution asking him to arrange for the nurse to stay with him, instead of being sent to the other

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