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## Editorial.

### THE SELECTION OF NURSES.

THERE is still a considerable amount of misapprehension in the public mind as to who may most suitably be invited to select nurses for posts in the nursing world, and it is often supposed that this function may with advantage be placed in the hands of medical men. We desire therefore to state emphatically, that the proper authorities to gauge the qualifications of nurses are those who have themselves passed through a nursing curriculum, and now hold posts of responsibility in the nursing world, namely the Matrons of Hospitals, and we are most unhesitatingly of opinion that, until nurses are selected on their advice that the best will not be brought out of the profession, that frequently nurses whom those best qualified to judge would reject, as for one reason or another unsuitable, will receive appointments, while those who would have filled them with credit will be passed over. To make the position perfectly plain, a medical practitioner is of course a judge of a nurse's qualifications so far as she is responsible for the patients under his care. Even here, if she is working in a hospital, his knowledge of her is limited, for she performs her work under the supervision of a Sister, who is

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