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Editorial.

THE tragedy which occurred on the 16th inst. at the London Hospital, and which is related and commented upon, in our columns, this week, gives sufficient ground for the writer to remind the readers of the NURSING RECORD that for more than three years it has been constantly urged in this journal that reforms are absolutely necessary in the Nursing Department of that Institution; that there was too great a strain, for example, made upon the Nurses and Sisters to enable them to perform their work with complete efficiency, and that, consequently, the patients did not receive that care and attention which are bestowed upon them in other, and better managed, Hospitals and Infirmaries. It is easy to read between the lines of the bare details of the evidence given at the recent inquest that these and other statements are true, and that there is a complete want of discipline amongst, and of supervision over, the Nursing Staff. A Nurse confesses to the gravest possible neglect of a patient's comfort and, as it proved, of its safety. A Sister confesses that she was aware of the neglect, and took no steps to prevent its possible effects. Both practically admitted, in this deplorable matter, that the medical instructions were completely disregarded, and the Matron's instructions calmly ignored; because it is evident that the doctor did not desire a weakly baby, "not doing well" after an operation, to sit for half an hour in a

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