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Editorial.

POISON.

THE lamentable death of Professor TYNDALL, from a narcotic accidentally administered to him by his devoted wife, has aroused the deepest regret and sympathy throughout the country; for a valuable life has been lost through the neglect of precautions as simple as they are essential. It is the second time this year that the attention of the public has been drawn, by means of an inquest, to the cardinal necessity of carefulness in the administration of poisons, and we now urge the most earnest attention of Nurses to the matter.

It appears from the inquest upon Professor TYNDALL that a bottle of magnesia and a bottle of chloral were kept together on a table, in his bedroom, and that his wife, in accordance with custom, poured out for him, as she thought, a dose from the former vessel, and he swallowed it at a gulp. He immediately detected the taste, and then, to her horror, she discovered that she had given him chloral. Despite emetics, and the most active and immediate treatment, the great scientist became narcotised, and died the same day. The other case, to which we have alluded, was a much less excusable one, and especially important to our readers, in that the fatal result was caused by a dose of carbolic acid being administered to a boy, suffering from measles, by his so-called "nurse." We use that qualifying term because, although she was sent out by an Institution in London in that capacity, the public have never been able to ascertain the character of her professional qualifications. At that inquest, it was also proved that the poison

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