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## Editorial.

### NURSING EDUCATION.

T will be remembered that during the discussion by Matrons in Council upon the preliminary education which it was thought desirable that Probationers should receive, a considerable diversity of opinion has been expressed; and that than one of our correspondents considered that it more would be difficult, if not impossible, to expect a knowledge of scientific subjects from those who desired to obtain training as Nurses in Hospital wards. Our arguments, and those of others which were to the contrary effect, were based chiefly upon the analogy between the systems of education enforced in other professions, and within the last week a curious confirmation of those views has been given from a totally unexpected quarter. We have been favoured with reports of a scheme which is about to be put into practice by the Maryhill School Board, at the instigation of Dr. Muir, and upon which an excellent editorial article has already appeared in The North British Mail. Briefly, the new scheme consists of instruction in sick Nursing, given to children who attend the school in question. A course of lectures is to be given to the girls of the fifth and sixth standards, mostly in the form of demonstrations, which mothers and friends of these girls will be permitted also to attend. The instruction will consist of elementary physiology, domestic hygiene, and all details concerning the management of a sick room. We commend the wise and farprevious page next page