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# Editorial.

THE LEWISHAM INFIRMARY.

HE various proceedings which have recently taken place at the Lewisham Union Infirmary, are of the highest importance to trained Nurses, and involve questions upon which depend the future welfare of the Nursing departments of Poor Law Infirmaries. We, therefore, ask the most careful attention of our readers to the subject.

The Infirmary is quite a new building, and of the most modern type. It was opened, we believe, last summer-a lady being appointed as Matron, who had obtained a long and valuable experience in important posts in the Nursing world. From the published statements in the local Press, we learn that, from the first, there has been more or less friction between the Medical Superintendent and the Matron "upon matters affecting the administra-tion of the Infirmary," and that, recently, such considerable tension was reached that the Infirmary Committee of the Guardians were compelled to investigate the matter, in consequence of definite complaints having been made by these two officials against each other.

Last week, the Committee reported to the Guardians that, as the result of this inquiry, they had unanimously arrived at the conclusion, "that the Matron has been insubordinate, and has assumed an authority upon matters of discipline and management in opposition to the views and expressed wishes of the Medical Superintendent." The Committee further reported that, in their opinion, "the Matron's action has been subversive of the authority of the Medical Superintendent,"

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