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Editorial.

FEVER NURSING.

AT the last meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, a question was discussed which is of great practical importance to Nurses, to the general public, and to the managers of our large Fever Hospitals. It was proposed, last year, that untrained women should be admitted as probationers to the Fever Hospitals, and that they should there receive a special training in the nursing of infectious diseases. Last week, when this deferred motion was brought forward, we are glad to observe that several members spoke strongly against it, and that finally it was referred for further consideration by the Nursing Staff Committee. Our opinion has been sought upon the question, and we therefore have much pleasure in pointing out some of the objections which may be raised to the proposed system. In the first place, fever patients require as great attention as, if not more than, patients in the wards of an ordinary hospital. They are very often more helpless, they are more subject to attacks of delirium, than patients in a General Hospital usually are. Moreover, during the course of any infectious disease, complications may arise in the shape of lung or kidney affections, which require the most careful medical nursing. It must therefore be disadvantageous to the patients in a Fever Hospital, if their Nurses are inexperienced in general nursing.

In the next place, a great difficulty in obtaining a suitable class of Nurses to undertake the work in Fever Hospitals has already been ex-

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