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Editorial.

NURSING EDUCATION.

COMMENT has already been made, in these columns, upon an old question which most workers in the Nursing world had regarded as settled many years ago. The editor of a medical journal has gravely asked whether it is necessary for Nurses to know anything of Anatomy, and has even gone so far as to assert that there is no need for such knowledge on their part. We venture to assert, however, that there is only one possible answer to the question, and that this is in the affirmative. It is an admitted fact that skilled Nursing is of value in the modern treatment of illness or injury; but it has become so, merely because educated women have entered the calling, and have, by long and careful training, prepared themselves to carry out efficiently the duties entrusted to them, and the instructions of the medical men in charge of the sick. It would be as impossible for anyone, without proper teaching and experience, to properly fulfil the duties now-a-days entrusted to a trained Nurse, as it would be for a blacksmith to perform an abdominal operation. The modern Nurse is more obedient and more disciplined than her predecessor, simply because she has

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