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### Editorial.

#### PROFESSIONAL CONFIDENCE.

A CASE which recently occupied the attention of the Law Courts has aroused general public interest, chiefly because it raised in an unusual form the question of the sanctity of professional confidence. The defendant, a well-known medical man, communicated to his wife, and subsequently to her brother, matters which had come to his knowledge in consequence of his professional attendance upon his wife's sister-in-law.

There is no necessity for us to discuss the somewhat unsavoury details of the case, because, so far as medical men and Nurses are concerned, the questions at issue are very simple. Briefly, the chief point was this: Is the information given to, or acquired by, a medical man—and we must add, by a Nurse—in consequence of his or her attendance upon a sick person, to be regarded as absolutely sacred, or are there any conceivable circumstances under which it would become the duty of the recipient of such information to disclose the facts thus confidentially imparted or obtained? As we have said, this question concerns Trained Nurses quite as much as medical men, because the former are placed towards the sick in precisely the same con-

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