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Editorial.

MENTAL NURSES.—III.

WE have received a number of communications concerning this question, which we have been discussing during the past fortnight, which strengthen our belief that both the Nursing profession and the public are beginning to realize the serious possibilities involved in the proposal to register “mental Nurses,” made to—and accepted by—the General Council of the Royal British Nurses’ Association. An interesting side-light, upon the views which we have expressed upon this subject, was thrown last week by our contemporary, the *British Medical Journal*. An editorial article, upon the training of asylum Nurses, concludes with the following significant paragraph:—

“The simple thing we ask is that, in the appointment of attendants for the imbeciles who are sick as well as weak in mind, these attendants should have had a training in the nursing of sickness as well as in the management of insanity; and that these unfortunates should thus be placed at least on a level with what is now considered right in regard to sick paupers who are not insane. This seems a small thing to ask, and we feel confident that in the end it will be done.”

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