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Editorial.

THE HOUSEMAID'S HOSPITAL.

IT is generally acknowledged that one of the chief reasons for the rapid advance made by the nursing profession is the fact that, during recent years, large numbers of gentlewomen have entered the calling. By their superior education they have been better able to understand the theory of their work, and therefore more qualified to carry out its practical details, while, by the refining influence their presence has introduced into hospital wards, an incalculable amount of good has also been accomplished. These facts are so well recognised that in nearly every hospital of any importance the probationers' posts are now, and for some years past have been, almost entirely filled by gentlewomen.

It has occasioned considerable surprise in the Nursing world that the system of Nursing education at the Middlesex Hospital should not have advanced as it has at most Metropolitan institutions of any importance, and that apparently the certificates of this Hospital are still granted without any examina-

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