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Editorial.

A DECAYING MEDICAL SCHOOL.

A VERY curious fact has this year again been exemplified with regard to the effect produced upon Medical Schools by troubles connected with the nursing departments of their hospitals. Many years ago, the great commotion caused by the nursing reforms at Guy's Hospital attracted public attention, and its Medical School, which had previously held a leading position, immediately fell to a fifth or sixth rate place. Not only so, but it was several years before the School regained anything approaching to its former prestige and success.

Then, in 1890, and 1891, there came the exposures about the nursing department of the London Hospital, before the Select Committee of the House of Lords, and the Medical School was immediately affected to a most marked degree. For example, the number of new students entering for the full curriculum in 1888 was 78, and in 1889, 75; but in 1890, there were only 59 new students; in 1891, only 36; and even in 1894, there were only 51 new entries.

The same fact has now, once more, been proved in the case of the Middlesex Hospital. The methods adopted in the Royal British Nurses' Association, by Mr. Fardon and the

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