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HERE have been two scandals recently in public institutions which demand the careful attention of the nursing profession. At a large Metropolitan Fever Hospital, two young children were admitted, at the same time, suffering from scarlet fever. One died and the other recovered. But, by some regrettable mistake, the identity of the children had been lost, so that the parents of the child who died were told that their child had recovered, and were finally sent for to remove it from the Hospital; while the parents of the child who lived, had taken away the body of the dead boy and buried it as that of their own son. The deep sorrow and distress caused by this mistake can easily be understood, and that such an error could have been possible is a serious reflection upon the care exhibited by the Hospital attendants. It will, however, we hope, impress upon all nurses the extreme need for care in maintaining the identity of very young children committed to their charge in a public institution. The other case to which we have alluded enforces lessons of even greater moment. It has been publicly asserted that at a Metro-

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