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Editorial.

NURSING IN WAR.

It will be remembered that frequent allusions have been made, in these columns, to the nursing of the sick and wounded soldiers in the Spanish-American war. Many English nurses offered their services, in consequence of the sympathetic feelings which have been aroused in this country with the objects and desires of America. These offers were almost unanimously refused on the ground that the Government already possessed more than sufficient nurse volunteers. It, therefore, aroused a considerable amount of surprise and regret that the number of American Nurses employed in the war was so small.

We sympathise too deeply with Americans in the sacrifices which they have made in the cause of freedom and liberty, to say one unnecessary word in criticism of their methods of military management. But we should fail in our duties to the Nursing profession, and to the public alike, if we refrained from emphasizing the results which have, we believe, directly followed from the want of sufficient nursing assistance during the progress of the war. The reports not only in European but even in American journals prove conclusively that the American army has suffered far more severely

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