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### Editorial.

#### A PAINFUL STORY.

THE readers of the NURSING RECORD are aware that we have consistently upheld the rights and privileges of hospital Matrons, and have especially urged that their work and position should be clearly defined. It is only in the rarest instances that Matrons go beyond their own province; and it is almost unprecedented that any Matron should place herself in an untenable position by interfering with the work or duties of other officials. It would be impossible for anyone who values the good name of the nursing profession to approve or support such conduct; because it must not only be detrimental to the Matron who acted in such an extremely unprofessional manner, but must also reflect discredit upon the 'whole nursing profession. As we have frequently said, the latter profession is deeply indebted to that of medicine, and, from the vast majority of medical practitioners, nurses receive not only kindness but all consideration in their work. On their side, it is the bounden duty of nurses to scrupulously fulfil their obligations, to carry out with the utmost care the medical instructions given them, in their attendance on the sick; in private work, to uphold the doctor loyally with the patient and his friends; and, in institutional affairs, to refrain from, in any way, interfering with medical details.

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