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### Editorial.

#### THE COST OF EDUCATION.

THE last twenty years have seen the evolution of nursing from a domestic handicraft, entrusted in many instances to ignorant persons, into a scientific profession taxing the resourcefulness of highly educated women, and there is no doubt that, as medical and surgical science increase, the standard of education required of nurses must be correspondingly raised in order that they may be equal to the demands made upon them, and be efficient helpmeets of the profession of medicine.

It must, however, be remembered that evolution, being largely a question of education, is also one of pounds, shillings, and pence, we come back, in short, to the economic question which invariably meets those who are striving for the improvement and progress of any profession. How the expense of maintaining an efficient nursing staff, involving, as it does, the increased cost of education, is to be met is an important question to managers of hospitals, for there is no doubt that we have not yet arrived at the limit of this expense, which, by all the laws governing the process of evolution,

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