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## Editorial.

### "DYING LIKE FLIES."

THE death of Mr. G. W. Stevens, the brilliant war correspondent of the *Daily Mail*, from enteric fever at Ladysmith is, we have no hesitation in saying, the greatest national loss which we have sustained since the outbreak of the war. Realistic journalism has been deprived of the greatest genius of the day in its ranks, and it is with feelings of profound sorrow that we record this irreparable loss. The fact that so many deaths are daily occurring in Ladysmith from enteric fever and dysentery—both diseases which rarely prove fatal when skilled nursing is available—must cause serious anxiety as to the adequacy of the supply of nurses in the beleaguered town. That the medical men and nurses who are on the spot are working with the utmost devotion we do not for one moment question. It would be contrary to all the traditions of both professions if this were not the case. We have no doubt that when we are able to get details we shall have every reason to be proud of our nursing colleagues, but no nurse can do impossibilities. Enteric fever is a disease which needs the most constant and devoted nursing if the best results are to be attained, and, when Ladysmith is relieved, it is a national duty to see that an

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