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**Editorial.**

**BELOW THE SALT.**

THE position assigned to trained nurses in private families and hotels is one of considerable importance to those who work as private nurses. Some five years ago we dealt fully with the refusal of the management of the Langham Hotel to allow nurses to appear in uniform in its public rooms. There are arguments for and against this rule. The general public has such a horror of disease and death, and so shrinks from being reminded that these exist, that it is possible the sight of a nursing uniform may spoil the flavour of its morning coffee, and that customers may remove their patronage to another hotel, in which case financial damage would be incurred. But there can be no excuse for the regulation enforced in some hotels, that the nurses so excluded from the public rooms must take their meals with the domestics of visitors. We have no desire to depreciate the value in the body politic of this class of worker, and consider that all work is honourable, but a trained nurse must maintain her position as a professional woman, and while it is our hope that, early in the present century, domestic servants with the

better education they now possess will see the necessity for organization and co-operation, and will demand legal recognition, in their present disorganised condition the trained nurse is frequently placed in a disagreeable position when expected to take her meals in the servants' hall, more especially in establishments where men servants are employed, and she should never be asked to do so. The butler, the valet, and the flunkey are not always the best specimens of their kind, indeed we consider domestic service demoralising for the male sex, and should be glad to see men so employed return to the healthier and more manly occupation of following the plough. The defence, in the hands of trained nurses so treated by hotels, is to advise their patients to patronise other establishments, a procedure to which the managers who object to their presence could not take exception. With regard to the inquiry of a correspondent in another column as to the right of a Superintendent to require her to take her meals with the servants there can be but one opinion, namely that no Superintendent has the right to over-ride an express regulation to the contrary made by the Committee, or to force her own terms upon a nurse, under the threat of reporting her for insubordination.

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