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Editorial.

THE LAMBETH INFIRMARY.

ONE of the many valuable conclusions, at which the Select Committee of the House of Lords arrived, was that in reference to the Nursing in Poor-Law Infirmaries. They expressed their "regret to find that one-half of the Matrons" of these important Institutions "are not regularly-trained Nurses. The Committee are strongly of opinion that not only all Matrons, but that all Nurses, in a Poor-Law Infirmary, should be trained Nurses; the Committee would recommend that no Nursing whatever should be done in Infirmaries by paupers." "The Committee consider that the number of Nurses should be increased throughout the Infirmaries, and that Infirmaries should train their own Nurses." No doubt will be felt in professional circles as to the wisdom, and, indeed, the necessity, of the reforms thus shadowed forth by the Select Committee. Did such a doubt exist, the report of an inquest recently held in Lambeth would, we imagine, be quite sufficient to dispel it. We are in entire ignorance as to the qualifications of the Matron of the Lambeth Infirmary, but it is an undoubted fact, that the Nursing Department of that Institution has little or no reputation in the Nursing world, so that it may be presumed that the Lambeth Infirmary has not yet

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