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Editorial.

NURSES' HOLIDAYS.

HE holiday season is drawing to its close and the majority of our readers are, doub less, returning to their various posts ir. Hospital, District, or Private, Nursing, refreshed, we hope, by that change of air and scene, which is so essential a matter to those who have to work as Nurses do.

Sufficient stress is rarely laid upon the fact, and, when it is stated at all, the fact is still more rarely understood, that Nurses require longer holidays than most other workers for very simple but sufficient reasons. Their duties require them to be alert, often during the night as well as during the day; they are always engaged amongst surroundings that are depressing both to the mind and to the body; and they work, perforce, in an atmosphere which is always more or less tainted with the germs of disease. The wonder, therefore, is not that so many Nurses break down in health and strength, but that any of them are able to hear the prolonged physical and mental strain, combined with the unhealthy environments of their daily work.

It is a significant fact that Hospital authorities are gradually becoming aware of the increasing need which Nurses show for times of rest and change, as the pressure of their calling increases in severity and extent. Formerly, one week in the year was deemed to be sufficient rest for any Nurse to take, but then she rarely worked so hard, nor was a tithe then expected from her of that which is previous page next page