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Editorial.

NURSING CONTRACTS.

WE have recently received, from several quarters, information concerning a comparatively new departure which is being adopted in various Nursing Institutions, in different parts of the country, and especially it would appear, in towns along the South coast of England. It consists in making the Nurse, who is admitted upon the private Nursing staff of these Institutions, sign a paper wherein she undertakes to abstain from practising her profession in the said town, under any circumstances, after she has ceased to be connected with that particular Nursing Institute.

In one particular instance, brought to our knowledge, the Nurse had been born, and had lived most of her life, in a certain well-known town. After her training, and in order to be near her friends and relations, she consented to join the Nursing Institution in this town, and signed a paper upon her admission—evidently without much care, believing it to be a mere formal undertaking on her part to obey the rules and regulations of the Institution. After some years of excellent, and admittedly irreproachable, work for a small salary, circumstances led her to determine her to nurse upon her own account, and she was made a very advantageous offer by a friend to supply her with patients. She was then, however, on resigning her connection with her Institution, met with a formal notice from its Superintendent, that, in accordance with the terms of her agreement, she must not practise as a Nurse either in this particular town or in its neighbourhood, and when reference was made to the agreement she had signed, she found

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