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Editorial.

NURSING LEGISLATION.—III.

THE first, and perhaps the most important, principle which requires consideration in the drafting of any measure of legislation for Nurses concerns the constitution of the body to which should be entrusted the control of Nursing education and of the special work connected with Registration. In order to simplify our suggestions, it is necessary that we should give this assumed body a definite name, and for the sake of our argument we would therefore term this body the General Nursing Council—following in this, of course, the analogy of the General Medical Council.

How, then, is this Council to be formed? In the case of the General Medical Council, the members are chosen in three different ways: twenty members are elected, one by each of the Universities and Medical Corporations in the United Kingdom; five members are appointed by Her Majesty's Privy Council; and five more are elected by the votes of the Registered Medical Practitioners. There is something to be said in favour of this system, but, on the other hand, it will be time well spent if we consider the present feeling of the medical profession concerning the constitution of the body which thus controls their calling. In 1858, the first Medical Act was passed, and it constituted the General Medical Council solely of members elected by the Corporations and nominated by the Privy Council—the principle of direct representation of the profession not being recognised at all. This aroused considerable opposition, and constant efforts were therefore made to

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