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NURSING LEGISLATION.

THE signs of the times are becoming increasingly clear that legislation for Nurses is now within the sphere of practical politics. We have already, in these columns, explained at considerable length the main lines upon which, in our judgment, such legislation is likely to be framed. It will be within the memory of our readers that at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association, a very decided Resolution, proposed by Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK, was unanimously agreed to, to the effect that the time had now arrived for such legislation to be effected. We understand that the Council of the British Medical Association, in consequence of this Resolution, has discussed the question, and proposes to hold a conference to consider the subject. It has also come to our knowledge that another important medical body is moving in the same direction, and that the time may be approaching when the framework of such a Bill will be placed before the profession and the public. In view of such action, therefore, we consider it indispensable that every Nurse Training School of any importance, and all Associations of Nurses, should be approached and afforded an opportunity of expressing their views concerning the principles involved in the proposed legislation. There are many and diverse interests to be considered, and if legislation is to be successful—if it is to be really useful to all the interests involved, to the medical profession, to trained Nurses, and the

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