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Editorial.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

THE active correspondence which has been taking place, in our columns, concerning the training of Nurses in Children's Hospitals, has illustrated both the importance of the subject and its interest to the Nursing world. For various reasons, it is a crucial question whether those who have been trained only in such special Hospitals can be regarded and described as "thoroughly-trained" Nurses. It has been asserted by some who have had chiefly to do with the management of these Institutions, that, in various ways, those women who have had three years' education and experience in the wards of a Children's Hospital, are better qualified to act as private Nurses than are those who have had a wider and more varied training amongst adult patients. It is urged that the former will have acquired habits of extreme patience, gentleness, carefulness and conscientiousness; and that these qualities are so essential to the true Nurse that their possession outweighs the merely technical knowledge which a woman trained in adult wards can therein acquire. Our correspondents, however — and they are ladies whose opinions are entitled to the highest consideration — are almost unanimous in be-

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