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Editorial.

APPEALING TO CÆSAR.

THE New Year is pre-eminently a time for the making of new resolutions and of new departures, and it will be a useful, and we trust an auspicious, occasion for commencing a scheme which has for some time been under our careful consideration. As all our readers are aware, the NURSING RECORD has, from its first number, steadfastly advocated nursing reforms. Although bitterly opposed, and although, even to the present day, subjected to a considerable amount of vituperation, it has had the satisfaction of seeing each question of nursing reform, advocated in these columns, advance steadily towards success.

Twelve years ago, the suggestion of a uniform education for nurses was jeered at; the idea of a three years' standard was loudly declared to be visionary and impossible; the proposal of State Registration was bitterly denounced by all whose interest it was to keep the public in ignorance of the length and character of training which their own particular nurses had received; the probability of nurses forming successful unions amongst themselves was considered ridiculous in the highest degree.

But, to-day, the three years' standard is almost universally adopted, not only by the

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