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Editorial.

NURSING IN ASYLUMS.

THE question of the best system of training for mental nurses is one which has of late years, in common with other branches of nursing, received considerable attention. Nursing is a new profession, and many tentative experiments have been, and must still be, made before the best methods can be evolved. Further, while some consensus of opinion and uniformity of standard is greatly to be desired, there must necessarily be considerable elasticity in any regulations made, for we have at least learnt within the last twenty years that nursing belongs to the sciences, and this being so no laws laid down for its control can be considered final, but as years go on must give place to others, rendered necessary by the light of further revelation, and the evolution of a science which must progress if it is to exist.

Nevertheless there is urgent need of the organization of nursing and nurses at the present time, as well as of the various special branches of the service, and at no time was conference between those who are working for the good of the profession more necessary than now. Very diverse views exist in

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