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Editorial.

THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.—XV.

NOW, it is, in the highest degree, instructive to observe the judgment to which the Select Committee of the House of Lords arrived upon the evidence given, in favour of Registration and the three years' standard by Dr. and Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, and against the Association and Registration by Miss LUCKES, Mr. H. C. BURDETT, and Mr. FREDERICK TREVES.

In reference to the practice proved to prevail at the London Hospital of sending out Probationers from the wards as "thoroughly-trained Nurses," their Lordships considered that "to prevent the wards from being denuded of Nurses in order to bring funds to the Hospital, a separate staff should be employed for this purpose. They are of opinion that the minimum period after which a Nurse can be advertised as thoroughly trained is three years." The significance of this judgment cannot be over estimated. Then comes the sarcastic comments of their lordships on another salient point. "It appears that at the London Hospital, in the form of certificate for Nurses, certain blanks may be filled up in different ways, according to the discretion of the Matron. The

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