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Editorial.

PROGRESS.

T is almost universally admitted, now, by all who have anything to do with the education of Nurses, that the next matter which must

receive attention and decision is that of uniformity of training. In other professions, the fact of being "trained" signifies that the person so designated has passed through a specified course of education which is the same in amount and, probably, almost the same in degree, whether the training has been given in England, Ireland, Scotland, or Wales, or in any part of those countries. In Nursing, however, we are advancing by slow and difficult paths, and the end is not yet in sight. There is, however, every reason to believe that progress, of an undoubted character, is being made towards this much needed consummation, because, from all sides, we hear of Hospitals which are adopting the standard advocated by the Royal British Nurses' Association, and formally accepted and recommended by the Select Committee of the House of Lords-that is to say, three years' train-ing under supervision, in Hospital wards. In 1890, we gave evidence before that Committee, and were then able to state that "out of the twelve large General Hospitals in London nine bind their Nurses to them for three years. Out of fifty-four Hospitals, in this country which give certificates, thirteen small Hospitals and St. Thomas's certify their Nurses as trained at the end of a year; twelve, including the London and St. Mary's, at the end of two years; twenty-six at the end of three years, and two at the end of four years' work." Now we find that St. Mary's has in-



