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Editorial.

THE principle of co-operation amongst private Nurses has succeeded more rapidly than could have been anticipated by its most earnest advocates. The Nurses' Co-operation, which carried out a suggestion made by the Royal British Nurses' Association shortly after its formation, secured to private Nurses the benefits of their work in a measure which had never previously been attained. The Registered Nurses' Society, working on the same lines, has already achieved a position which insures its future success. It has justified its existence by rigidly restricting its membership to the best class of trained Nurses, and there can be little doubt, from the powerful support which it has received from leading members of the medical profession, that its advocacy of protection to the public is thoroughly appreciated.

The success, however, of these two bodies seems to teach lessons which it would be well, not only for the Nursing profession, but also for the authorities of Nurse Training Schools, to understand. The essential condition of both is that the Nurse shall receive the full remuneration for her work, less such a small commission as may be necessary to cover the working expenses. We gladly acknowledge that, during the past seven years, great advances have been made towards securing justice to Nurses in this matter, and that many excellent Institutions which formerly paid diminutive salaries to their staffs, charging the public the market price for their labour, and thereby making great profits, have, very wisely and frankly, accepted the altered condition of affairs. In many instances, they have revised their conditions, and have adopted

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