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Editorial.

A RETROSPECT.

XN various ways, the year that has now almost ended has been of considerable importance in the history of Nursing. The great struggle in which the Royal British Nurses' Association has been engaged, and which culminated last year, is now bearing the expected fruit; and with the success of its Registration movement, now happily assured, the conviction has been forced home upon the authorities of even those Institutions which objected to the proposals of the Association, that it has become essential that various reforms and improvements must be made. Consequently, we have been enabled, during the past year, to chronicle the adoption by Hospitals in every part of the Kingdom of increased educational advantages for their Nursing Staff; at some Institutions, increased length of training; at others, a more complete curriculum; and a greater measure of efficiency in all. Coincidentally with this, Nurses have benefitted greatly both by the enhanced prestige now attached to their profession and by the enhanced remuneration which their work receives; and they are, therefore, beginning more clearly to understand the extreme professional advantage which accrues to them from Registration; while, in the success of the Association, they see reflected the advance of their profession generally.

There are, of course, no particularly new methods of Nursing to be recorded, because improved efficiency takes the form rather of more practical and personal care of the sick than of any marked advances in the progress of theoretical Nursing knowledge.

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