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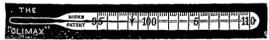
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Editorial.

THE SUPPORT OF HOSPITALS.

OSPITAL SUNDAY has once more brought directly to the notice of the people of London the great work which is done by the voluntary medical charities in the metropolis, and their great pecuniary needs. It is stated that the deficit each year amounts to no less than £70,000, and, although this figure is arrived at by excluding the amounts received from legacies, which, after all, in the case of well-established Institutions, represent a definite if variable annual income, there is undoubtedly ground for the complaint that the public do not at present take the same active personal interest in the maintenance of Hospitals which was formerly the case. Whether this result be due to the multiplication of Institutions, or to the fact that within recent years the richer classes have been compelled by law to support the Poor Law Infirmaries, is a question upon which our opinion has already been expressed, at some length. The matter, however, possesses a peculiar interest for Nurses, because it is beyond dispute that the increased expenditure involved in the maintenance of a Hospital at the present day, is largely due to the larger expenses of the Nursing establishment. Formerly, when Nursing was of little or no account, the staff of these workers was very small, and drawn as they were from the labouring classes, these women received very small remuneration. Neither their accommodation nor their food then received much consideration from the authorities, and therefore the expenditure which is requisite on these details at the present day,

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