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### Editorial.

#### HOME HOSPITALS.—I.

THE interest which is, at present, being shown in this subject amongst medical practitioners is an evidence of the increasing value attached by them to these Institutions. There is, however, reason to believe that neither by the public, by the medical profession, nor even by the majority of Nurses are the difficulties and drawbacks of Home Hospitals thoroughly understood. There is, moreover, too much reason to fear that a number of Nurses have obtained very erroneous ideas concerning the financial success of such homes, and that this has led many to embark in the management of these places with disastrous results to themselves. It will, therefore, not be without advantage if we discuss at some length from a practical point of view, the advantages and, at the same time, the special difficulties involved in the management of Nursing Homes, or, as they are more generally termed now, Home Hospitals. The *raison d'être* of such a home is, briefly, in order to provide the richer classes with the advantages of Hospital treatment in the shape of skilled Nursing and regulated dietary, combined with the comforts and refinements of a private house. The principle of co-operation has been attempted and has succeeded in this as in most other departments of work, and, therefore, instead of the invalid being nursed at home, with two private Nurses in charge of him, each of whom will require a bedroom and a certain amount of attendance, with the result of very considerable

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