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NURSING LEGISLATION .- IV.

ONTINUING our argument on this matter from the point at which we had arrived last week, we are faced with a most difficult problem. How are the many Training Schools for Nurses in the United Kingdom to obtain their just and necessary representation upon the General Nursing Council which we have assumed will be formed by the first Nursing Act? It may be, we hope, accepted that these Schools should be afforded a distinct share in the supervision and control of the Nursing Profession of the future, not only because of the great work which they perform in the education of Nurses, but also because they are, to a large extent, their chief public employers. But when one remembers that nearly every Hospital of any importance in the kingdom admits and trains probationers, and is therefore in a sense a Training School, the magnitude and number of the interests involved become manifest, and the difficulty of deciding upon the principle upon which the Hospitals should be represented on the Nursing Council would seem to be very great. We obtain no help in this matter from the constitution of the General Medical Council, because on that body each medical Corporation and each University has one representative—numbering twenty in all for the whole United Kingdom-while, at present, the previous page next page