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Editorial.

A RETROSPECT.

ONCE more, custom and precedent require that we should briefly recall the chief events of importance which have occurred in the Nursing world during the past twelve months. The same steady progress to which we have been accustomed in recent years, has again shown itself both in the Hospital work and in the training of Nurses; and we have therefore been enabled, during 1895, to chronicle the adoption by Hospitals, in every part of the kingdom, of increased educational advantages for their Nursing staffs. A few more have joined the great majority in raising their standard to the now generally-recognised term of three years' training. Others have instituted lectures and examinations, and there are few at which a greater measure of efficiency in Nursing has not been attained.

There are no new methods of Nursing to be recorded, because, as usual, improved efficiency in the Art takes the form rather of more practical and personal care of the sick, than of any startling advances or inventions in theoretical Nursing knowledge or appliances.

The most remarkable fact of the year has undoubtedly been the resolution unanimously passed at the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association, held in London last August, on the proposition of Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK, "That in the opinion of this meeting it is expedient that an Act of Parliament should, as soon as possible, be passed, providing for the

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