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Editorial.

PRIVATE NURSING HOMES.—II.

CONTINUING our consideration of this subject, we would express the opinion that the causes of failure in private nursing homes are chiefly commercial. There are so many of these institutions at present, and their number is so constantly increasing, that the competition amongst them has almost inevitably, in the majority of instances, led to a reduction in the charges made to their patients. This entails, almost of necessity, a corresponding economy either in the nursing or in the dietary, perhaps in both; because few nurses are provided with sufficient capital to enable them to contend against any pecuniary loss, so that the financial conditions of most nursing homes render their existence always more or less precarious.

It is therefore essential to most homes that each patient shall yield a considerable profit in order to make up for the days or weeks during which some of the beds are empty. In order to do this, economy is usually made in those items of expenditure which are not observable without special inquiry. It is, for example, notorious that in many nursing homes the attendants upon the patients receive very small salaries because they have had little hospital training. Indeed, we might

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