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Editorial.

INDIAN ARMY NURSING.

FOR some three or four years, we have received an increasing number of communications from persons who have lived in India concerning the nursing question in that country. There are many special difficulties in the organization of an efficient body of private nurses for the service of Europeans, some of which—as, for example, the immense distance between the various districts in which Englishmen are stationed, and the comparatively small incomes of many civilians—seem to present almost insuperable obstacles to the success of any private Nursing Institution similar in working to any such organization in this country. Indeed, the more closely one examines this question the greater do its difficulties appear, and at present we hesitate to make any definite suggestions or express any precise opinion on the matter.

The subject of nursing in the Indian Army, however, is much less complex. It is now some nine years since the Government introduced thoroughly trained gentlewomen as Nursing Sisters, and it is beyond dispute that the system has since then been widely extended, and the numbers of the staff con-

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