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Editorial.

THE DIFFICULTIES OF TRAINING.

FROM all parts of the country, we hear of the difficulty which the Matrons of small provincial hospitals are now meeting with in obtaining probationers. The NURSING RECORD, years ago, predicted that this difficulty would be experienced, and advised those hospitals which would be affected, to take counsel together, as to the best means of averting the trouble. It was easy to foresee that one of the first results of the establishment of a proper system of education for nurses would be that those who did not obtain such an education would be regarded as outside the nursing ranks, and that it would, therefore, become increasingly important to those who desired to be recognised, and to work as trained nurses, that they should obtain an efficient education in a recognised hospital. Then the great question of the three years' standard led, of necessity, to a decision limiting the number of hospitals which could be regarded as affording such an education, and according to precedent that decision was based upon the minimum number of beds, which a

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