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## Editorial.

### PRACTICAL NURSING POINTS IN INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS.

IT has rightly been made obligatory by the Metropolitan Asylums Board that the Charge Nurses in the institutions under its control should hold a certificate of three years general training, but it does not yet appear to be recognised that even this experience does not qualify them to take charge of patients suffering from diseases which they have never seen without some further training. The position is much as if a woman who had only had experience of medical nursing were placed in charge of a surgical ward. In many general hospitals, nurses now pass through the three years' course, and obtain their certificates, without seeing a case of diphtheria, and even enteric fever is increasingly rarely admitted. Scarlet fever and small-pox, except in the very earliest stages are, of course, unknown, therefore, a nurse has much to learn before she can be considered competent to take charge of patients suffering from these diseases, for all who know anything of the special nursing required are aware how greatly the recovery of the patients depends upon the experience and dexterity of the nurse. It would seem, therefore, that an additional link is necessary in the system of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, and, such a link, while increasing the efficiency of the Charge Nurses, might also largely rectify what is at present ad-

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