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EDITORIAL.

THE HOME OF REST FOR NURSES.

THE opening of this Institution at Brighton, of which we gave a short account last week, which took place under such auspicious conditions, marks we believe a new era in the Nursing world; because it appears to us to have a significance far exceeding the mere fact of the successful establishment of an ordinary charitable scheme. We believe that the Home will subserve two great purposes. It will not only afford the means whereby tired Nurses can obtain rest and change, but it will bring distinctly and directly to the public mind the indisputable truth that it is for the benefit of the public itself that Nurses should be thus assisted. From this, further reflection

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will logically lead to other and yet more important conclusions, and these must naturally suggest changes and reforms which other events are now bringing rapidly to the front. Finally these will, we imagine, so increase public knowledge of the conditions under which Nurses are now compelled to work, that the reforms will eventuate in a complete revolution in Nursing politics.

We doubt if this chain of eventualities was foreseen by those who with feeble futile efforts attempted to prevent the realisation of the scheme, with the sole effect of once more proving their petty malice and personal insignificance. But we believe that a simple sequence of reasoning will show our forecast to be not altogether improbable. The Home of Rest for tired Nurses—as it was termed by Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, who has added to the many great benefits which she has conferred upon Nurses by so graciously founding this Home for their use—will make many who have never thought of the matter before, reflect that it is possible for their attendants in sickness, to be very tired indeed. It is an ancient saying that doctors must not shame their art by being ill themselves, and patients usually appear to believe that medical men are exempt by some special provision of Nature from fatigue or sickness. This is not merely the outcome of human selfishness, but is doubtless fostered by the heedlessness of infection or overwork which seems to become imbued in every doctor's constitution. And although skilled Nursing is of such modern growth that even our fathers have not yet grasped its value, Nurses have become classed, in the public mind, very much

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