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Editorial.

— HOME HOSPITALS. —

THE important correspondence which for some weeks has been continued in our columns has produced valuable information on several salient points. It has evidently caused the greatest interest in the Nursing profession, to judge by the number of communications which we receive from all parts, and which we deeply regret that the demands upon our space prevent us from publishing more promptly. When the correspondence is concluded we will review and criticise the subject in its entirety, but sufficient has already been brought to light to make certain facts quite clear.

We may, for example, safely assert that, taking Nursing Homes as a class, the most sweeping reforms in their constitution and management are urgently needed. The fact that there are brilliant exceptions, both in London and the Provinces, only proves the general rule. Indeed, when the matter is carefully considered, the marvellous anomalies of the present system almost surpass belief. For the present, let us only consider one point. A Home Hospital, *alias* a Nursing Home, by its very name claims to be an Institution where the discipline and advantages of a Hospital are combined with the privacy and comfort of a Home. Yet if our information is correct—and we have carefully tested it—we are led to believe that there are very many places which assume this title, which have absolutely

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