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## OUR ALBUM.



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## EDITORIAL.

THE interesting paper which was read by Dr. Cullingworth, before the last meeting of the British Nurses' Association, raises several points which are of great importance to all Nurses, and, of course, especially so to those who are now engaged, or may hereafter desire to occupy themselves, in Obstetric work. We cannot refrain, however, from expressing a wish that Dr. Cullingworth—while according well-deserved approval to the invaluable antiseptic properties of corrosive sublimate—had laid greater stress upon the serious dangers which sometimes attend its use. We observe, from the report of the discussion which followed the paper, that Dr. Priestley raised a warning voice against its indiscriminate employment; and all who have had much experience of it could doubtless give instances in which the drug—in however dilute a form—has caused poisonous symptoms. We have heard it stated by one well-known Surgeon that he never allows this germicide to be used for one of his patients till he has satisfied himself that there is not the slightest disease of the kidneys, because he has observed that its exhibition in such cases causes dangerous symptoms.

We believe many other Doctors have—without tracing this exact connection of cause and effect—occasionally observed such serious symptoms follow the use of corrosive sublimate that they have entirely discontinued to order it; and as it is obvious that the Monthly Nurse cannot discover whether her patient is suffering from any organic mischief, we would most strongly advise that no one should use the mercurial solution for her patients, unless under Medical direction.

Emphasising this one point, we would congratulate the Association on its good fortune in eliciting so valuable a contribution from such an acknowledged master of the double subject; for Dr. Cullingworth has, by his published works, proved his intimate acquaintance, not only with

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