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EDITORIAL.

A PAMPHLET has been sent to us, entitled, "What will Trained Nurses gain by joining the British Nurses' Association?" It is signed Eva C. E. Lückes, Matron of the London Hospital, and in these last five words are contained its whole importance. Had it been issued by Miss Lückes in a private capacity, it would probably have attracted little or no notice or comment in the Nursing world. But as it is thus issued officially it at once acquires a certain significance, and as the representative organ of Nurses we must accord it our careful consideration. Whether the House-Committee of the London Hospital have acted wisely in authorising this extraordinary production, we may say, at the outset, appears to us to be extremely doubtful. We should not be at all surprised if it resulted in alienating from their great Institution a large measure of pecuniary support, and in arousing a very powerful professional and public feeling against themselves individually. Our reasons for this belief will appear as our investigation of the pamphlet proceeds.

As we have said, it is headed, "What will Trained Nurses gain by joining the British Nurses' Association?" which at once prepares the reader to find the Association attacked, and arguments advanced to prove that Trained Nurses will gain nothing by joining its ranks. The expectation is also raised that some kind or species of answer will be given to the question so prominently asked. But no reply is vouchsafed, and the writer proceeds to ask other questions—very often two or three in one sentence—and then others, and then others again, until at last we arrive at the end, and find that the fourteenth page concludes with the twenty-sixth question. In the course of a somewhat wide journalistic experience we have never read such an inquisitive production.

We cannot congratulate the authorities of the London Hospital upon the literary powers or argumentative skill of their spokeswoman. Having

OUR ALBUM.



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