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EDITORIAL.

ACCORDING to the promise which we made last week, we recur to our consideration of the pamphlet issued by Miss Lückes. We are glad to find that we are in complete accord with the general feeling aroused in professional circles by this extraordinary production—without exception the most illogical and inconsequential document we have ever perused. But for its semi-official character we should not deem it worthy therefore of further consideration; but as it has been thus "dressed up in a little brief authority," we will proceed to test the statements it contains.

We pointed out last week the supreme absurdity of the first dictum enunciated—that "the scheme of Registration would hinder, rather than advance, a high standard of nursing, and would tend to prevent the progress and development of the work on its present lines"—seeing that Miss Lückes was entirely ignorant as to the lines upon which the "scheme of Registration" proposed by the British Nurses' Association is founded. It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that no proofs are advanced in support of this rash assertion. We have been informed on the best authority that Miss Lückes's pamphlet will be used to prove the very points upon which the Association relies as arguments in favour of the scheme that will in due course be proposed. We therefore pause to congratulate Miss Lückes upon the assistance she has, it would appear, unintentionally given to the cause of Registration.

After "inveighing," as our contemporary the *Lancet* puts it, "against any form" of theoretical test of a Nurse's knowledge, the writer proceeds to say, "the result of an annual examination in a Nurses' Training School affords valuable evidence of the attention paid to the instruction given," with calm inconsistency upsetting at one stroke her whole previous arguments. If the pamphlet has any meaning in it at all, the writer is anxious to make her readers believe that Registration

OUR ALBUM.



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