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**Editorial.**

— THE HISTORY OF REGISTRATION. —

IN response to the request of many of our readers, we propose to give a brief historical account of the origin and progress of the Registration of Nurses. Trained Nursing in England has existed for about 50 years. It was given an impetus by the sentimental halo thrown around the work of the Nurses in the Crimean war in 1855, and further assistance by the foundation of the Nightingale Fund for training nurses in 1860, but it is only during the last 15 years that great advances have really been made. It is important to emphasize this, because training schools for Nurses, which have existed for at least thirty years, now evince a disposition to claim the entire credit for all the improvements which have recently been made in the nursing world. The fact is, that during the last decade and a half, a continually increasing number of gentlewomen have adopted nursing as a profession; have raised the whole status of Nurses; have crowded out the old workers of the Sairey Gamp class; have, because well educated and enthusiastic, introduced numberless niceties and improvements into the work; have paid for their education at hospitals, and, therefore, have practically compelled hospitals to organise themselves into Training

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