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## Editorial.

### THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.—XIV.

MISS EVA C. E. LUCKES, in her ridiculous little Lectures to the Lords, on July 10th, 1890, answered Lord SANDHURST'S questions as follows:—

6944. Are you in favour of what is called the British Nurses' Association, for the Registration of Nurses?—No; I think it is a terrible mistake; I think it is doing everything to retard the progress that Nursing has been making.

6945. Why?—It places good and bad Nurses on a level. It is excellent for bad and inefficient Nurses, and fatal to the good ones. Take the tests they might apply; it cannot be true that time is the test, or Miss Page would have been a splendid Nurse. Or if you think of provincial Hospitals, three years in a small quiet provincial Hospital is not to be compared to the value of six months' experience at a London Hospital; they would see so much more and learn so much more there. Then the theoretical examination, which is another test they might apply, is no guide whatever to the practical fitness of a woman for her work. It is my experience, and that of many other Matrons, that those who come out best in their theoretical examination are often the least fitted either for good Nursing or for managing a ward. You can no more make a Nurse of a woman who has not a gift for Nursing than you can make a musician of a person who has no ear for music and no notion of the thing. Then I think that anything which places them all together on a Register like that, when you have no distinct, definite, reliable basis, must make it more difficult even than it is at present to know whether you can obtain reliable women,

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