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**Editorial.**

THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.—VI.

**B**UT to return to our historical retrospect. The British Nurses' Association announced at first that its immediate aim would be to obtain a Royal Charter of Incorporation, and the preparation of a draft Charter was, therefore, undertaken at a very early stage of its existence. Numerous drafts were made, submitted to criticism and discarded, because it was felt that in inaugurating a new affair of so much importance, the greatest circumspection must be used. It is only one of the many indefensible proceedings of the opponents of the Association, that one of these rough drafts which was rejected by the Committee of the Association in 1889, was, by some means, purloined, and, although headed "Strictly Private and Confidential until approved by the General Council," was actually printed in 1892, in the Case of the opponents to the Royal Charter, and thus was brought before the Privy Council, as we shall hereafter see, with the manifest intention of misleading that august body, as to the objects of the Association. Once more, comment is needless.

But, after prolonged discussion, it was, on July 12th, 1889, decided that it would be well

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