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Editorial.

THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.—I.

THE time has now arrived for the whole question of the registration of trained Nurses to be set forth in a succinct form before the public and the profession. For many reasons, it has not been expedient, and in some ways it has not been possible, to do this sooner. But now that the great initial obstacles to the scheme have been overcome, and that the system has become an accomplished fact, it will have manifest advantages that the whole history of the rise and progress of the movement should be detailed in chronological order.

The first proposal that Nurses should be registered is believed to have been made as far back as 1874. In that year, a "Hand-book for Hospital Sisters," written by Miss FLORENCE LEES, was published. It was edited by Dr. (now Sir HENRY) ACLAND, who wrote a preface in which occur the following words:—"The Medical Act of 1858 allows women to be registered as medical practitioners. It makes no provision for the registration of trained Nurses, however complete their education and however great their skill, whether as midwives or nurses. Many accomplished women might reasonably desire the name as well as the function of Superintendents of

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