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## Editorial

MR. FARDON'S REPORT.

THE Report presented by Mr. Fardon, on his own account, to the Annual Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, presents some important points which demand careful consideration. And this is the more necessary, not only because the Executive Committee was prevented from having any opportunity of approving or disapproving of this document, but also because, under the special circumstances of its production, the Annual Meeting did not discuss its details. The first point to which we will allude is the brief and misleading paragraph concerning the important Conference, convened by the British Medical Association, at the beginning of this year, to consider the question of the State Registration of Nurses. Mr. Fardon dismisses this matter in the following sentence: "the general opinion of the majority attending the Conference being against such a step being taken at the present time." It is well known to all our readers that the Association was founded in order to bring about the Registration of Nurses under Parliamentary sanction, and that it has steadfastly maintained this principle ever since. Even so late as 1894, her Royal Highness, Princess Christian, wrote a paper which was

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