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Editorial.

A MOMENTOUS DECISION.

CONSIDERABLE amusement has been caused, in the nursing world, by a paragraph which appeared last week in a periodical which we are never able to take quite seriously—we refer to our pseudo-medical contemporary, the *Hospital*. Its Editor discloses, with delightful innocence, the anxiety which has been felt amongst the officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association, concerning the proceedings which hospital Matrons will take, in reply to the breach of faith which has been committed by the passing of the new Bye-laws.

Our contemporary makes a statement concerning ourselves, which it is unnecessary to say is entirely inaccurate and most misleading; and it then proceeds to prove the intimate connection which exists at present between the *Hospital*—which formerly termed the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, “women of pseudo-respectability,” and “the scum of the Nursing Profession”—and the officials of that Association. With ill-concealed anxiety, it exhibits the fear of the officials that a large number of the Matron members of the Association will leave that body; and yet, with the lack of wisdom which so frequently inspires its utterances, our contemporary comes to the conclusion that this great danger is now overpast; and, inasmuch as the matrons did

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