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Editorial.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORIES.

ABOUT sixty years ago, the condition of medical education in this country was in much the same chaotic state as nursing education is, at the present day. Hundreds of men termed themselves doctors who had no right to the title; and thousands of qualified practitioners obtained their medical license upon an educational basis which was universally regarded as insufficient. Each examining body was a law unto itself, and the various standards of examinations were as widely different as the fees which were charged. The results were that the medical profession possessed but little prestige, and medical science was in the same rudimentary state in which it had existed for a hundred years previously. The reformers of sixty years ago contended that it was essential for the protection of the public, and for the elevation of the medical profession, that some means should be taken by the State to raise their standard of education, to equalise the examination tests throughout the United Kingdom, and to establish a Register of practitioners upon which only the names of those could be placed who had attained to a minimum professional qualification, and from which should be removed the names of any who proved to be

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