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Editorial.

UNITED ACTION.

AN important step has been taken by the Alumni Association of Graduate Nurses in connection with the Allegheny General Hospital; namely they have passed a resolution providing that a fixed price of twenty dollars a week, when nursing private cases, be required by all the members, and that any nurse who goes out for less than this fee, shall be suspended for the first offence, and expelled for the second. The resolution has caused considerable stir. In the first place, because a minority of the members of the Alumni strongly dissent from it, and would sever their connection with the Society in consequence, but that they fear the odium which such a proceeding would entail; and secondly, because the physicians who need nurses for private cases are "supporting the insurgents with startling vigour." They say it is an outrage that this association should take upon itself the privilege of saying what these nurses shall charge. At the same time, these gentlemen have a strong repugnance to their names appearing as objectors. "We are not directly concerned," they say, "and it might do us harm."

The matter is noteworthy first of all, because it is the first organized attempt on the part of

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