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EDITORIAL.

WE desire to call the earnest attention of our readers to a letter which appeared in our influential contemporary, the *Lancet*, last week, and which we now reprint in another column of this issue. A similar letter, from the same writer, but at greater length, appeared on the same day in the *British Medical Journal*. As our readers are well aware, we entirely concurred in the opinion so forcibly and lucidly expressed by the *Lancet* upon Miss Luckes's pamphlet. But Dr. Sansom does not approve of the criticisms evoked by this extraordinary production. He does not appreciate the poetical justice of the homely proverb, which teaches us that "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." He is doubtless aware that Miss Luckes's pamphlet was not printed and published for nothing, by the well-known firm whose name appears upon its title-page. Neither will he believe that the Post Office authorities provided the wrappers and the postage and the clerical labour, necessary to send this pamphlet broadcast through the country, entirely free of cost.

If Dr. Sansom will ask the simple question as to the total amount of this expense, and by whom it was defrayed, he will commence to realise that someone had a very definite purpose in thus expending a considerable sum. And what that purpose was can be easily inferred, because, right or wrong, the pamphlet was an undeniable endeavour to persuade Trained Nurses that they would really lose by joining the British Nurses' Association. Time, thought, labour, and money, therefore, have been freely spent in an attempt to damage the Association, and yet Dr. Sansom is surprised that severe criticisms of this pamphlet should be expressed.

After careful consideration of Dr. Sansom's letter, we are strongly inclined to believe that he has written it in a spirit of pure chivalry, and in entire ignorance of all the wire-pulling which has

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