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OUR ALBUM.



SISTER MARY (MISS JUMP)

EDITORIAL.

REGISTRATION.

IT is necessary, this week, to divert from the consideration which we have been devoting to the subject of District Nursing, to call attention to the important document issued by the British Nurses' Association, which appears in another part of this issue. It is almost unnecessary, perhaps, to comment on the lucid and concise exposition of the present state of affairs in the Nursing world, which is therein brought to the notice of the Committees of Management of the Nurse Training Schools throughout the Kingdom. The absolute accuracy of the picture thus drawn cannot be disputed, nor will it probably be seriously maintained, even by the most blinded opponent of Registration, that the gravity of the situation to the public, to Medical men, or to Nurses is in the slightest degree overstated in the carefully guarded language which is employed.

It will be observed at once that this circular—directed especially to the governing bodies of Hospitals—takes special note of, and in fact lays almost entire stress upon, the importance of this question to those concerned in the training, and certification of Nurses. This is, however, but to be expected, and explains the absence of all the many arguments which have, from time to time, been most strongly advanced as to the necessity of this protective measure to all classes of the community. For example, nothing is said, we observe, of the irrefutable proposition, that the State, having interdicted adulteration of drugs and of food under heavy penalties—having insisted, for the public good, upon the imposition of official marks on gold and silver, and even upon general merchandise—having ordained, for the welfare of the sick, and of the litigious, that doctors and lawyers should be Registered—should, as a logical

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