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## OUR ALBUM.



MISS ANNIE FOSTER.

## EDITORIAL.

### REGISTRATION.

EVENTS are now moving rapidly forwards in the direction of the commencement of Registration. The General Medical Council—the governing body, under various Acts of Parliament, of the medical profession of these Kingdoms—had under its earnest consideration, last week, the scheme of Registration proposed by the British Nurses' Association; and finally it was moved by Sir John Simon, seconded by Dr. MacAlister, and agreed to:—"That in the opinion of the Council it would be much to the advantage of the public, and particularly would be of much convenience to the practitioners of Medicine and Surgery, that facilities, usable under proper guarantees in all parts of the United Kingdom, should be given, by Act of Parliament or otherwise, for the authoritative certification of competent Trained Nurses, who when certified should be subject to common Rules of Discipline," &c., &c.

This grave, guarded, but most weighty judgment of the Medical Parliament we commend to the careful consideration of those few gentlemen who were persuaded to attempt to obstruct a great professional movement, for an essential measure of protection to the sick public, by affixing their names to a protest against Registration last July. They then wrote that they noted with surprise the statement that "this object was in conformity with a great public want, and a widespread professional demand." The meeting at the Mansion House, which occurred on the day after this was published, must have somewhat further increased the surprise of these gentlemen, if indeed they had not been carefully kept in the dark as to the real facts of the case. Were they told of the hundreds of leading medical men, and the thousands of Nurses, who had banded themselves together to obtain a system of general Registration of Nurses?

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