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## OUR ALBUM.



NURSE, MILITARY HOSPITAL, BREDA, HOLLAND.

## EDITORIAL.

WE proved last week that the opinion of our influential contemporary, the *Lancet*, in regard to the proposed Registration, was fully justified in every particular. The "Memorial," after expressing surprise at the assertion that Registration "is in conformity with a great public want and a widespread professional demand," proceeds to enunciate statements which are far more surprising. "We would wish," say the Memorialists, "to point out that those who represent the largest Nursing interests in the metropolis and throughout the country, and who have the most to do with the training and examination of Nurses, have not only declined to take part in the Association, but consider that its proposed enrolment of Nurses in a common Register if carried out would (1) lower the position of the best Trained Nurses, (2) be detrimental to the advancement of the teaching of Nursing, (3) be disadvantageous to the public, and (4) be injurious to the Medical practitioner."

This condemnation will appear to most unprejudiced minds to be a trifle too wholesale to be altogether an unbiassed judgment. And when it is remembered that the Memorial was prepared and sent to the Press, asking for its appearance in print upon the day fixed for the Mansion House Meeting of the British Nurses' Association, the animus of its promoters becomes very clear. But, placing this altogether aside, the impression which the Memorial is evidently intended to convey is, that the scheme of Registration is not needed by the public, and is not desired by Medical men and Nurses; that those who know most about the question unanimously disapprove of the scheme; and that from technical knowledge, which the public must take upon trust, these authorities can foresee nothing but evil if Registration be enforced.

Let us examine these views impartially, as unconnected either with the British Nurses' Association or with the Memorialists, and merely as

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