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## EDITORIAL.

SOME six weeks ago we commented upon the decision—then recently announced—to hold the Annual Meeting of the British Nurses' Association this year at Cambridge. We showed—from the history of similar professional bodies—the wisdom of the Association in thus determining at the outset of its career to hold its yearly gathering in a provincial town. For we narrated how, in several instances, the attempt to narrow a national union down to a metropolitan focus had been followed by the secession of country members, or, at least, by a complete and natural loss of influence outside the London area.

But while we most heartily admired the far-sighted determination to prove the Nurses' Association as catholic in every way as it really is, we may confess that we had considerable doubt as to whether it was strong enough at this early period of its history to carry through a Provincial Meeting successfully. We remembered that Nurses are, as a class, not too abundantly provided with this world's goods, and that the demands upon their time are engrossing and often unforeseen; that although the Association numbers two thousand five hundred members, these are drawn from every part of the United Kingdom; and that, therefore, wherever the Meeting was held it would probably be an impossibility for Nurses at any distance to attend it. It is well known in Nursing circles that these reflections occurred to many, and that no little ridicule was cast upon the Association from several quarters for its proposal to hold a Provincial Meeting; predictions as to its inevitable failure being freely made.

We can quite believe that these comments may have discouraged some Members—who otherwise would have gone to Cambridge—from attending the Meeting. To such, and to all who take an interest in the Association, from whatever motives, the account of the Annual Meeting—which we publish this week in another column—may be

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