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OUR ALBUM.



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EDITORIAL.

WE have received from more than one of our Medical readers questions concerning or arguments against the British Nurses' Association, all of which are evidently based upon an entire misconception of the aims and objects of that body. For example, one Doctor writes to us that he finds some of his "friends decline to help the Association, although they would willingly do all in their power to assist individual Nurses, because they think the members, finding themselves possessed of the strength which comes from unity, may be led to forget the position Nurses and Doctors while on duty must of necessity hold to each other." This feeling appears to be somewhat widely diffused, not only amongst Medical men, but also amongst the public, and it will therefore be well to carefully examine it and discuss how far, if at all, it is founded upon probability.

A Trained Nurse must indubitably stand towards the Doctor with whom she is working in the relation of a loyal subordinate. If she be not loyal to him, she lowers herself; if she be not subordinate, she lowers her profession. As the representative organ of Nurses, we speak on this matter with the voice of authority, and are fully aware that this verdict would be unhesitatingly accepted by the great majority of Nurses worthy of the name.

Professor Humphry, we observe, referred to the matter we are considering in his address at Cambridge to the Association, and uttered weighty words, for which he deserves the gratitude of the whole profession, for they are most just and true. "I cannot understand," he said, "what is the real objection to the proposal for Registration, which seems to my mind very desirable. An objection I do hear is that it will make Nurses too presuming. Now I confess my observation of Trained Nurses is that they are singularly unassuming, and that the greater their knowledge, the less is

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