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## EDITORIAL.

### ENTERPRISE OF THE B.N.A.

IT is reported that the British Nurses' Association has given yet one more proof of its ability to understand the wants of its members, and its readiness and power to supply them. An Exhibition of new Nursing appliances is about to be opened, we are informed, at the offices of the Association. The idea, it appears, originated from Miss Foggo-Thomson, the newly appointed Secretary, and was developed in a paper read by that lady, at the last monthly Meeting. The scheme to our judgment is excellent for several reasons. Its adoption proves, for one thing, that the Association is about to undertake actively and immediately the third part of its programme. Most of our readers are aware that its objects are defined in the bye-laws to be threefold. Firstly, to unite Nurses together in one professional body; secondly, to provide for the enrolment of Trained Nurses on a General Register; thirdly, to initiate and carry on such schemes as from time to time might seem advisable for the assistance and benefit of Nurses individually.

Now, as we all are aware, the first object has been successfully gained, and more than one quarter of the whole number of Nurses in the United Kingdom have been elected members of the Association. It is, we believe, unprecedented that three thousand professional women should in the short space of two years have thus banded themselves together. And it is evident that the mere moral force of this large success must cause a continual increase of numbers, so that in time every educated woman in the Nursing world will probably be a member.

As regards the second point—the formation of the Register—the success in another way has been equally marked. A most influential Board of Medical men and Matrons has undertaken the work, at the instance of the Association. The Register has been opened, and we are informed upon the best authority that many hundreds of Certificated Nurses have made application for enrolment thereon, and that at a Board meeting held last week, nearly five hundred of these were—after the most critical scrutiny had been given to each case—ordered to be Registered. Naturally the labour of investigating such large numbers is very great, but a confident hope is expressed that within the next three months more than three thousand Nurses will be placed upon the Register. And we would in the first place point out to Nurses that the full success of this great professional movement now rests entirely with themselves. Medical men were agitating and working for their Registration for nearly a quarter of a century before they succeeded in persuading Parliament to pass the necessary Act. Nurses and Doctors have only been striving for Nursing reform for about two years, and in the face of the most determined and utterly unscrupulous opposition. So the wonder is that so large a measure of success has already been achieved. But the battle is only now beginning, and our readers must remember this. The Association we consider has done well and wisely, under the circumstances, in opening its

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