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EDITORIAL.

THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

IN accordance with custom, it becomes incumbent on us in this, our last issue in 1890, to put aside other matters and pass in review the chief events which have occurred in the Nursing world during the past twelve months. In many ways it has been a momentous year for Nurses, although all the indications seem to point to 1891 taking a more notable place in professional annals, because it is accomplished facts, rather than the circumstances which have led up to them, which become historical. The past year has been eminently a seed-time and next year will witness the harvest. And as the latter is entirely dependent upon the former, so due honour should be given to the immensely important work of

preparation, which has been performed before our eyes in these last few months.

The foremost place in the retrospect is naturally taken by the British Nurses' Association. At its Council meeting in January the standard of training necessary for its Membership was greatly raised, and the scheme of Registration under its own auspices was finally approved, all its efforts to persuade other bodies to undertake this important public matter having failed. In February, then, the Registration of Trained Nurses was commenced, and now we understand that the first Register is passing through the press, and will be issued early in the ensuing year. It is reported that about one thousand seven hundred names have been already enrolled, and that the great majority of these are excellently well trained Hospital Nurses. This, of course, is contrary to all precedent, and also against all prophecies. It was expected that during the six months' "period of grace," during which the Association offered to Register all women who could prove that they had been *bonâ fide* engaged in Nursing, a large number of untrained persons would have hastened to obtain the privilege. It is a principle in English law that "existing rights must always be respected," and the Association was only performing an act of justice and following invariable custom in thus acting. Consequently, if the first Register had contained hundreds of ignorant Nurses it would only have stood exactly on a level with the first Medical or Dentists' Registers. Most providentially, however, a polyglot paper, chiefly affected by Hospital out-patients and untrained Nurses, for personal reasons, has opposed and vituperated the Association and all its works, and the consequence was that its ignorant readers followed their blind guide and missed their opportunity of being Registered. The period of grace passed over, and the regulations were immediately made very stringent, so that thenceforth three years' Hospital work was made essential for every candidate for Registration. The first Register then of Trained Nurses will, it appears, be smaller

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