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### EDITORIAL.

IT is nearly two years ago, since, in the sixty-sixth number of this journal, we called attention to a letter which had appeared the previous week in the *Lancet*, signed by Dr. A. Ernest Sansom, making sundry and divers assertions concerning the Royal British Nurses' Association. It may be within the memory of some of our readers that we published subsequently the severe criticism of the *Lancet* upon this letter, and the scathing ridicule cast upon its assertions by some of the distinguished speakers at the Mansion House meeting held in support of the Association. The remarks of our contemporary may with ad-

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vantage be recalled at this particular juncture. It wrote: "Dr. Sansom admits that the scheme to be proposed by the Association is not yet 'intelligible' to him, but proceeds to state his opinion that it is fraught with danger to the best interests of the public, the medical profession, and the Nurses themselves. In our judgment it would have been wiser for Dr. Sansom to have possessed himself of the fullest knowledge before publicly pronouncing such a condemnation."

We believe that it was generally felt at the time that Dr. Sansom had expressed his views on a matter which he admittedly did not understand for some obscure but conscientious reason. And his statements, therefore, were criticised less severely than were those of other persons, who were known to be actuated by very different sentiments.

But now the Register is published, and leaders of the medical profession have publicly explained the system of Registration in full detail. No one can therefore pretend that the methods and results are not intelligible, and when glaring mis-statements are made, their author must be held responsible for them.

In the *Medical Press and Circular* of last week there appears a letter making divers statements against the Royal British Nurses' Association, signed by Dr. Sansom. It is so characteristic of the opposition made to the Association that we must briefly criticise its contents. We can well believe that those who have devoted much time and energy to the systematic misrepresentation and abuse of the Association must have felt very great regret and surprise at observing "the atti-

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