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### EDITORIAL.

THE consummation which we have dreaded for two years has come at last. Again and again, we have expressed our belief that Hospital authorities were pursuing a most unwise course in opposing the Registration of Trained Nurses. Times without number we have shown how strongly professional and public feeling was declaring itself in favour of the scheme, and have urged the suicidal impolicy of Institutions—which only exist by the voluntary contributions of the charitable—taking a prominent part in attempting to prevent those who support them, being protected from an acknowledged danger. Our warnings have fallen on deaf ears, and now our fears have been realised. In another column, our readers will find letters which appeared in the *Times*, and *Medical Press and Circular*, and the replies which these have evoked.

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We cannot blame the writers of these replies for one moment. The Royal British Nurses' Association has been attacked, abused, and misrepresented for three years past. We have frequently done justice to the admirable patience, calmness, and steadfastness with which its managers have pursued the even tenor of their way, ignoring all the malice, hatred, and uncharitableness which has been exhibited against them, and quietly carrying their work through to a successful conclusion. We admit that the provocation of the impertinent epistle in the *Times* was very great, and that the literary castigation which its author has received was eminently deserved. We are aware of the absolute untruths of the statements made in the petition, and recognise that it was only just that their falsity should be exposed. And yet, it is a grief and sorrow to us to see that Sir JAMES CRICHTON BROWNE, Mr. BRUDENELL CARTER, and Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, have been aroused to state the truth. We had hoped against hope that reform so urgently needed, and so wise, might have been accomplished unobtrusively within the Nursing world. Now we fear it is too late, and that it must be accomplished by outside pressure.

From all sides we hear that a thrill has been sent through the public mind by the letter which we reprint from the *Times*, and its ultimate effects may be guessed at, but cannot fully be foreseen. Two of the best-known writers in the medical profession—gentlemen whose eloquence and dialectical skill is so well known that few would care to measure words, or pens, with either separately—have joined forces with a lady who is

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