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EDITORIAL.

IT is, perhaps, one of the rarest pleasures allotted to those who venture to become prophets that they should be enabled to point to the accurate fulfilment of events which they have foretold. Amongst journalists, few rules are held in greater reverence than that propounded by the American humorist—"Don't prophecy until you know"; because what is written remains on record, and it is unpleasant to be reminded of the expression of opinions which time has proved to be entirely erroneous, or of vaticinations which have been hopelessly falsified. In the brief life of this journal we have seldom

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ventured to forecast the future, and have never done so, on any single occasion, except on the strongest grounds, supported by history, analogy, or facts. We have, therefore, had the pleasure upon more than one occasion of showing how our anticipations have been justified by the subsequent march of events. In the earliest numbers of the *Nursing Record*, for example, we predicted the success of the British Nurses' Association, merely because we recognised that it was the inevitable outcome of the development of the Profession of Nursing. And the history of four thousand years furnishes numberless examples of similar movements arising from the same cause—professional progress—and each proceeding to the same invariable results—union, organisation, collective strength, and individual improvement, in the calling.

So we fearlessly prophesied that the success of the Association merely meant a question of time; and in three years time we find one of the most distinguished leaders of the Medical profession—Sir William Savory—saying that its opponents might as well attempt to stay the incoming tide of the sea as to prevent the progress of the Association. We find that it has already grown to such strength that the few Hospitals who still oppose it have considered it essential to take the remarkable step of appointing representatives to form a Vigilance Committee to watch its proceedings.

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