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EDITORIAL.

THE LICENCE OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

WE have received during the past few weeks many requests from our readers for explanations of the present position of the Royal British Nurses' Association—why it has applied to the Board of Trade for a licence; what the real meaning is of the refusal of the Board to grant the petition of the Association;

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and what effect upon the Association this refusal will have? We doubt not that a full official explanation will be given upon these matters by the Executive Committee, at the General Council meeting this week, and that our young but valuable contemporary, *The Nurses' Journal*—the organ of the Association—will in its next issue publish a comment upon these explanations. Meanwhile, for the benefit of our wider circle of readers—many of whom are unconnected with the Association, and may therefore have no opportunity of hearing or of reading these official statements—we are glad to be able to give definite information on these questions, which we have obtained from authoritative sources.

The Association, then, appears to be slowly but steadily progressing. Its Registration scheme, as most of our readers know—the great work with which for the three years of its existence it has been incessantly engaged—became an accomplished fact last January, when the first Register of Trained Nurses was published. With that publication, as a clear exposition in black and white of its entire scheme, interest in the work of the Association has naturally been deepened and strengthened where it was languid before, and has been aroused where previously it was non-existent. Medical men all over the country have recognised in the Register the first attempt which has ever been made to distinguish between women who have been thoroughly trained as Nurses and those who now usurp the title without let or hindrance, but who have received neither education nor experience to qualify them for the serious duties they under-

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