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EDITORIAL.

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT.

IN accordance with our custom, in former years, we turn aside, this week, from controversial matters in the present and the future, to survey what has been done in the past year, and to offer to our readers all the good wishes of the season. In many ways, these last twelve months have been eventful. January witnessed the formal presentation to Her Royal Highness Princess Christian of the first copy of the first Register of Trained Nurses, and the inauguration, therefore, of a work of the greatest importance, both to the public and to the Nursing profession. February, March, and April found an active campaign in progress against the Midwives' Bill, in and out of Parliament, and a still more active and much less scrupulous agitation being fomented against the simple application of the Royal British Nurses' Association to the Board of Trade to be permitted to incorporate itself as a limited liability company, but without the customary addition of the word "Limited" to its name. The Midwives' Bill, as our readers may remember, proposed to place the control of that class of workers in the hands of the County Councils of the United Kingdom, who now—as one of its opponents caustically pointed out—have charge of the police and the sewage.

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