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Editorial.

WE return to the consideration of the Petition against the Royal British Nurses' Association, upon which we commenced last week to comment. It is rumoured, though we know not with how much truth, that this Petition actually represents the entire case which the opposition have presented against the Association. We can hardly credit this news, because it would mean a very extraordinary descent from the altitude of the arguments hitherto employed.

Paragraph 6 announces that "the establishment of such a Register as is contemplated by the Draft Charter would, for reasons stated in paragraphs 7, 8, and 9, be detrimental not only to the general body of Nurses, but also to the public and the medical profession." The Petitioners seem curiously unaware of the manifest fact that the Charter does not contemplate "the establishment" of a Register at all for the remarkably simple reason that for more than two years past the Register has already been in existence. But let us observe the "reasons" advanced to prove that the Register will have these direful effects, mentally wondering *en passant* why—if the contention be true—these results have not been caused already. Paragraph 7 states, very truly, that there is no "general concurrence of opinion as to what should be considered an adequate training for a Nurse." The public will, we feel fairly confident, say that the Nurse Training Schools must have been remarkably negligent of

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