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**Editorial.**

THE UNITED SISTERS.

**F**ORTNIGHT ago, we devoted some consideration to the constitution and objects of the United Sisters' Friendly Society, and pointed out—in response to a request from readers of this Journal—various reasons to prove that "the Society is entirely unsuitable in every way for Nurses; that it is inadequate in its benefits and deficient in its organisation to meet their special wants." We venture to believe that we proved our point very conclusively, and we went no further; because we do not dispute, for one moment, the usefulness of Friendly Societies, nor the manifest advantages which they offer to working-men. But we have good grounds—into which we will not at present enter—for believing that such Societies are entirely unsuitable for Nurses, and, in fact, that they will rarely succeed amongst women of any class.

We are glad to express our conviction that the promoters of the United Sisters' Society are entitled to much credit for their philanthropic intentions and endeavours; but to succeed, they must exercise patience and self-control, even if their schemes are adversely criticised, and especially when that criticism is both fair and temperate.

In another column, we print a letter from the Rev. J. FROME WILKINSON, the President of the United Sisters' Friendly Society, which compels us to revert to the subject, and comment at

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