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## Editorial.

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FROM the very first number of this Journal, as our readers are aware, we have been most careful to maintain its purely Nursing character. We are glad to know that our medical contemporaries fully recognise, and approve, of the attitude which we have assumed, and we have hitherto, happily, maintained with them the most cordial relations. But, just as we have held our ground, so we do firmly contend that our contemporaries should express the views held by the great profession which they represent. Nursing is now an integral part of medical science, and the Trained Nurse has had, by universal consent, accorded to her the position of the Doctor's chief assistant. In our judgment, it therefore behoves the medical Press to devote its careful consideration to Nursing matters and politics; and when we observe the growing interest which the public and the lay Press generally are taking in such subjects, we are the more strengthened in that conviction.

We are led to express this opinion at the present time, in consequence of communications which we have received from many of our readers—including highly-esteemed medical men—upon an annotation which appeared in *The British Medical Journal* of the 9th inst. It is unfortunately a well-known fact, that our contemporary—nominally the organ of the great British Medical Association—has been utilised for purposes of

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