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Editorial.

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THE British Nurses' Association, then, having been founded in the early days of 1888, immediately commenced to consider the best method of obviating the great and growing evils in the Nursing world. It was unanimously decided that the simplest and, therefore, the best procedure would be to form and publish a list of trained Nurses, and to take powers to remove from this list the name of anyone who proved herself to be unworthy of trust. The question at once arose as to the manner in which this was to be carried out. So we find the Association formulating its plan, and requesting, first, the General Medical Council, and, then, the Hospitals all over the Kingdom which were engaged in training Nurses, to undertake the duty of compiling this list, and receiving a polite refusal from the former influential body on the ground that it possessed no powers to undertake such a work. How the Hospitals behaved it is, at this present juncture, very important to remember. Only six Institutions were wise enough to promise their co-operation. A few declined upon the ground that they disapproved of Registration, but most of them expressed their belief that "the control

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