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OUR ALBUM.



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EDITORIAL.

IT will be remembered that in this column, last week, we discussed Dr. Sansom's letter, which we then reprinted from the pages of our influential contemporary, the *Lancet*. This week we have the pleasure to reproduce an article upon the whole subject of the Registration of Trained Nurses, which appeared in the same journal on Saturday last, and which is so conclusive and complete a reply to Dr. Sansom's letter, that little more can be said upon the matter. We called Dr. Sansom's attention to the manner in which the opponents of the British Nurses' Association have been conducting their futile campaign. As if to emphasize our contention, and the still further and equally important fact that all this opposition proceeds from a very small section, the solitary letter which Dr. Sansom's lengthy indictment of the Association in the *British Medical Journal* has evoked, is one signed by Mr. Pietro Michelli, the Secretary of the Seamen's Hospital, at Greenwich, and one of the proprietors of the periodical in which, week by week, the Association is attacked.

There is no necessity, therefore, to refer further to this. But there are two points in Dr. Sansom's letter on which our contemporary has not touched, and to which we think some attention should certainly be directed. The following quotation is given: "The British Nurses' Association is 'to grant a certificate, and to confer on those whom it regards as qualified to undertake the work of Nursing a status which no unauthorised person will be able to usurp.'" Dr. Sansom concludes that "this must mean that a legal diploma is to be conferred." Now, in the first place, we cannot recall to mind this particular sentence as occurring in an official pronouncement of the Association, and would for the sake of information ask Dr. Sansom from whence this extract comes. But, presuming it to be official, we cannot understand the deduction which is drawn from it. The

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