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EDITORIAL.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

THERE has been considerable curiosity felt for some weeks past as to the nature of the proceedings which the Royal British Nurses' Association proposes to undertake with regard to the Board of Trade. Those who, like ourselves, have carefully watched the progress of the Association from its commencement, but have no official connection with, or knowledge of, its organisation, have gained increasing confidence in its ability to carry through with credit any undertaking, because it has again and again been proved to demonstration that it has not embarked in any new venture until the most careful consideration had been given to its details, and that in every instance what has been commenced has been suc-

cessfully carried through. In making this assertion, we are not unmindful of the two apparent exceptions, which really, however, prove our contention. The Association defined in its bye-laws that its chief object was to obtain a Royal Charter to incorporate the Association and give legal authority to Registration of Nurses. Not once, but many times, in the early numbers of this Journal, we pointed out the fact, of which we found our readers then were not aware, that a Royal Charter was not only most difficult to obtain, but if it was granted, might prove to be a two-edged weapon to a young and inexperienced Association. It was, therefore, with very considerable pleasure that we learnt that the General Council of the Association, in the summer of 1889, had determined to postpone the petition to Her Majesty for the grant of a Charter until, as it was said at the time, "all the works in which the Association desired to engage were so far developed as to make the cast-iron bands of a Royal Charter include them all within its legal provisions." The Association, then, has put off its application for a Charter, but it has frequently denied the assertion of its opponents that the intention of obtaining such incorporation has been, or will be, abandoned. We have been very frequently asked for information on this point, and have recently requested to be favoured with an official reply, and have been assured on the best authority that "as soon as the General Council considers that its schemes are sufficiently matured, the petition for a Royal Charter will be presented to the Privy Council." It is evident, therefore, from this that the Charter is no excep-

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