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Editorial.

THE NURSING PROFESSION.—I.

AS our readers are well aware, we have, with all our strength, consistently, unflinchingly, supported the efforts of the Royal British Nurses' Association to bring about the registration of Nurses and to secure a Royal Charter. We, therefore, feel ourselves free to speak with considerable plainness concerning the attitude which we learn many Nurses are assuming, now that the Charter has been granted and that Nursing has become a recognized profession. These ladies seem to consider that, now that their Association has gained all that it declared its intention to obtain, there is nothing more to be done, and that it is only necessary to sit down and wait patiently while Nurses reap the full advantages of their professional advancement. This is so manifestly contrary to the actual condition of affairs, and, indeed, would, if adopted, be so fatal to any further progression, improvement, and reform, that we feel constrained to point out to Nurses that the work which must be accomplished is only just about to be commenced. They must realise that it is to the patient valour and hard work of comparatively few

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