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Editorial.

A. D. 1893.

IN accordance with journalistic and popular custom, we pause, to-day, on the threshold of another year, to look back, for a brief space, upon the many events of interest to the Nursing world which have been crowded into the twelve months which are now so nearly ended. Of these, one stands out pre-eminent—the grant of a Royal Charter of Incorporation to the Royal British Nurses' Association—the first recognition by the State, in this country, of Nursing as a profession. To all future times, 1893 will be memorable as the year in which the foundations of our profession were publicly and securely laid, because it needs no knowledge of past history, and no gift of future prophecy, to realise and foresee that it is now only a question of time when the profession will, by means of the Association, be so organized that Parliament can safely be called upon to legalize the Registration of Nurses. Meanwhile, and for all ways, the Association is now established by the most ancient and most honourable form of incorporation, and every year will gather to itself, in larger numbers, the best class of Nurses; not only because of the public and professional *prestige*, but also because of the very material benefits, which will be attached to membership of this Royal Corporation. The Bye-Laws of the Association were confirmed by the Council in July, and it is now in working order, and, probably, during the coming year, will, in more than one way, increase its sphere of action and usefulness.

THE HOME OF REST FOR NURSES,
at Brighton—one of the outcomes of the Association, although, at present, under independent management—has had a very prosperous and

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