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Editorial.

MENTAL NURSES.

WE have received a number of letters from Hospital Matrons and other leading members of the Nursing profession concerning the proposal which it is understood has been made to place mental Nurses upon the register of the Royal British Nurses' Association. It is evident that the matter is one which is arousing great professional interest, which involves questions of legal importance, and which closely affects the pecuniary interests of those Trained Nurses who have been Registered. It therefore appears advisable that the precise position of affairs at the present moment should be clearly explained.

We must premise, however, that as the officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association were permitted to break faith with the founders of the Association, and to remove them from the permanent seats upon the General Council of the Association, which were offered and promised to them, at its inception, those ladies were necessarily unable to raise any protest against the proceedings

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