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## Editorial.

### THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION—IV.

IN order to explain the events which took place after the Charter was granted, it is necessary that our readers should understand the exact constitution of the Association, from the time when it was founded in 1887 until the present date. It was determined that its membership should be limited to medical men and nurses, and that the members should each year appoint a certain number amongst themselves to act as a governing body, which should be called the General Council, and which should be sufficiently large to permit the members all over the world to be fairly well represented upon it, however large and important the Association might, in the future, become.

It was, for the same reason, arranged that the Council should comprise a number of permanent members who should hold their seats by reason of some official position, and so long as they occupied that position; and these, therefore, were called *ex-officio* members of the Council. Such members were, for example, the Vice-Presidents of the Association—at that time, and now—comprising some

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