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Editorial.

A NEW ORGANIZATION.

THE present position of affairs in the nursing world demands the most serious attention of everyone interested in the future welfare and good government of the profession. The leading hospital matrons, at any rate, are being aroused to the grave injury which may be caused to hospital discipline and management by the new Bye-Laws of the Royal British Nurses' Association, proposed with such a light heart by the half-dozen officials of that Association, and duly passed by their obedient dependants.

It has hitherto been accepted without question that hospital matrons are the heads of their respective nursing departments, and are recognised by their profession as its natural leaders. So in every attempt at organization amongst nurses, it has been an indispensable condition that matrons, at any rate of the leading hospitals, must be represented upon the managing body, if the organization is to receive the confidence and support of nurses. This was clearly recognised by those who founded the Royal British Nurses' Association,

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