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Editorial.

SIR BOMBASTES FURIOSO.

THE special attention of members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and of all nurses who respect themselves and their profession, should be given to the proceedings of the General Council meeting of the Association, held on October 20th.

The finances of the Association remain in a parlous state, but the officials appear to be at last awakening to the deplorable condition to which they have reduced the Association. They have so flatly denied, on so many occasions, that its finances were in any way embarrassed that they cannot expect the members to believe in their anxiety now. Mr. Langton is reported to have said that "The Committee would have to be very careful, if not something more, as regards expenditure, and the outside public should take an interest in it." The Association, in fact, is being once more held up as an object of charity. The report of the Executive Committee is stated to have shown that "forty-seven members had been elected, in the last six months thirty (half of whom are in arrear with their subscriptions) had withdrawn, and two had

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