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## Editorial.

### LADY CONSULS.

#### A NEW DEPARTURE.

THE efforts now being made by the Hon. Officers of the Royal British Nurses' Association to establish deputies, grandiloquently called Lady Consuls, in the provinces and abroad, merit the attention of the heads of the leading training schools; because if this organization is carried out, on the lines formerly proposed for Local Secretaries, it will, in this country at least, be likely to undermine very considerably the influence of the Matrons of hospitals with their own nurses.

#### THE PAST POLICY.

We have only to consider the policy adopted for the last five years in London to realize the danger of the present move. We ourselves have sat on the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and we have from the opportunity thus afforded us, of observing the methods of management, repeatedly warned our colleagues that the results of those methods, whether by design or not, much depreciate the influence of Matrons in their own Hospitals. We regret further to record that every word we have said on this subject has come true. Matrons who have dared to express an independent opinion have

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