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Editorial.

NURSING PROGRESS.

SOME two years ago, one of the most eminent Surgeons of the day—Sir WILLIAM SAVORY—uttered some memorable words with regard to the work of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and the opposition with which it was then confronted:—"Our adversaries may as well attempt to stem the incoming tide of the sea as to prevent our progress."

The distinguished speaker doubtless arrived at this conclusion by a knowledge of the manner in which all previous professional movements had been opposed, and yet, without exception, had ultimately succeeded. Again and again, in these pages, before and since Sir WILLIAM SAVORY spoke the words which we have quoted, we have expressed our belief that the success of the Association was inevitable, because its existence was merely a result of a public want, and a professional demand for union and organisation amongst Nurses. And every year, and, indeed, nearly every month, the signs of the times become increasingly clear, so that the most obtuse opponent of the Association, probably, now recognises how futile and vain the efforts to crush it have been, and how, on the other hand, those efforts have

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