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Editorial.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' SOCIETY.

HE difficulty which sometimes occurs in obtaining the services of a trained Nurse in an emergency is well-known, and was exemplified in a most striking manner during the last epidemic of Influenza when, according to a story currently reported at the time, a well-known gentleman offered fifty pounds, without avail, for the services of a Nurse. Even at ordinary times there is a great difficulty experienced, and it is not uncommon for a medical man, or the friends of a patient, to spend several hours driving about London from one Institution to another, applying for a Nurse and finding none. On the other hand, there are plenty of good Nurses to be found if the public only knew where and how to find them. There is, therefore, a practical want to be supplied in bringing the Public and private Nurses into direct communication with each other, and a scheme to that end has just been initiated, which promises to be of the utmost value.

The Royal British Nurses' Association has a large and constantly increasing number of registered Nurses; women who have fulfilled a high course of training, and whose characters and efficiency have been most carefully inquired into, and who are under the control of the Chartered Corporation. With the sanction of the Association, and on the initiative of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Registered Nurses' Society has been formed. It is, and will be, managed by a Committee comprising such well-known professional names, those of Sir

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