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Editorial.

A RESERVE OF NURSES.

IT is, with much pleasure, that we observe that a new movement has been initiated by Her Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN, as President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, which, if successfully organised and carried out, must be fraught with much benefit to our soldiers in particular, and, therefore, to the nation in general. A circular letter was, we understand, sent, last week, to the heads of the Nurse Training Schools, in the Metropolis, inviting them, individually, to take part in providing a number of Nurses, proportionate to the size of their Institution, who should form a reserve corps of trained Nurses for service with the regular or volunteer army in case of war. The credit for the proposal belongs to Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Evatt, who, in these columns, and elsewhere, has recently renewed the advocacy which he first commenced, we understand, in 1885, that this important work should not be left to chance arrangements made haphazard and in a hurry under the stress of imminent or actual war. He has pointed out, with much force, that the present supply of Army Sisters is barely sufficient for the needs of our soldiers in times of peace, and that it, therefore, falls far beneath the necessities of the case in warfare. Consequently, when war breaks out, a number of extra workers have to be hurriedly obtained, and Nurses, moreover, who may, or may not, have been efficiently trained in General Hospitals, but who certainly have had no previous experience or knowledge of the duties which will devolve upon them in actual association with an army in the field. It is proposed, therefore, that a Reserve of Nurses should be formed exactly as the

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