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Editorial.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

IT has become our duty to explain to Nurses—and especially to members of the Royal British Nurses' Association—important matters which have recently occurred in that body, and references to which are contained in the May issue of the *Nurses' Journal*. The most casual reader of the proceedings at the last meeting of the General Council would gather that there had been some disagreement and friction in its working, but if the reader had been at all acquainted with the previous history of the Association, he or she would know that for the first five years, while there was incessant and great opposition to its progress outside, there was the utmost cordiality and unity of object amongst its workers. Differences of opinion of course occurred, but these were invariably discussed and settled with perfect good temper. During the last year, however, the Nurse members of the Executive Committee have frequently felt compelled to object to methods of administration of the affairs of the Association which were quite novel, and with which they could not agree. It is now necessary for us to consider an important change proposed in the organisation of the Association, and the circumstances leading up to this proposal exemplify, in the most striking manner, the methods in question.

When the Association was first founded, in

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