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Editorial.

"A LEAVEN OF LAY HELP."

WE have received a considerable number of communications concerning an article which appeared in the last number of *The Nurses' Journal* under the heading of "Local Centres," but have refrained from alluding to the matter in the hope that the scheme therein detailed might escape public criticism, and that the Royal British Nurses' Association might therefore be saved any public expression of the indignation with which this article has been received, on all sides. But the scheme has now been severely censured in a contemporary, and it is evident that it will receive still further comment, so that no good purpose can be served by silence being further maintained upon the matter.

In the first place, the article in question forcibly illustrates the grave disadvantages of the official organ of an Association being entrusted to the uncontrolled management of a small clique. It is anonymous, but presumably does not emanate from the editor, because it exhibits as much disdain for facts as for English grammar, and is characterised throughout by lofty attempts to be symbolical, which result in amusing incoherence. We are told, for example, that our Association is "an important centre which waves a banner of progress." This is a somewhat novel geometrical exercise, and it will be news to most people that a centre can wave anything—even itself—much less,

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