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## Edítorial.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

• HE General Council Meeting of this Association, which was held last Friday, will probably, hereafter, be regarded as marking an important epoch in the history of the organization of Nurses. It will be within the memory of many of our readers that the Association, founded in the last few days of 1887, was for some five years widely attacked and warmly abused until it succeeded in obtaining its Royal Charter. But, during those early years, there was complete harmony and concord amongst the members of the Association. Its expenditure was kept so well within its income, that in five years it had accumulated the large amount necessary to pay the expenses of its Incorporation. It is also common knowledge that when this great success had been gained, a few persons who had taken little or no part previously in the working and struggles of the Association, and whose subsequent conduct has shown that they were as unacquainted with its work and organization as they were devoid of sympathy with its objects, pushed themselves into prominence and assumed a considerable share in the management. What their precise projects were, have since been discovered, but may now, we hope, be suffered to be forgotten. The expenses of the Association rapidly outgrew the income, and, when this was pointed out by the then Treasurer, his warning was ignored. In



