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## Edítorial.

UR attention has been drawn to a O lengthy letter on the subject of the Royal British Nurses' Association, communicated by Sir Dyce Duckworth, M.D., to the pages of a journal edited by an official of the Stock Exchange, and which distinguished itself a few years ago by defining the members of that Association as " the scum of the Nursing profession" - facts which are known to Sir Dyce Duckworth.

This letter contains much which is very undignified, and to which we shall be compelled to take grave exception. It is, therefore, with the greater pleasure that we are able to cordially endorse its opening remarks. The writer states that, "the essential difficulty which has arrested the progress of much good work on behalf of Nurses has been the presence in the govern-ing body of a small clique of persons who have striven by all means in their power to wrest the management of the Association from the general body, and to place it in their own hands." This statement is, in our opinion, strictly accurate, and we would venture to thank the writer for placing it in so concise a form. He does not prove his assertion, but will doubtless feel indebted to us for doing so. It is a matter of common knowledge that



