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## Editorial.

VOX ET PRÆTEREA NIHIL.

CONTINUING our consideration of the letter addressed by Sir Dyce Duckworth to a contemporary—upon which we commented last week—we must express our surprise at the extremely undignified tone which pervades this communication, and the curious manner in which the writer contradicts himself. Referring to certain members of the Executive Committee, he asserts that they have "persistently" "hampered, maligned, and insulted" the officials, yet he states that they absented themselves from the Executive Committee "for six months" at a time. It would be interesting to learn how they effected such results, in their absence.

Sir Dyce Duckworth, however, makes no secret of his extreme resentment that those to whom he refers "have withdrawn or curtailed their promised subscriptions to the funds in order to accentuate their displeasure." If Sir Dyce Duckworth is in the habit of subscribing to any institution, we imagine that his first proceeding, if he disapproved of the management, would be to withdraw his financial support; and as one of the most serious complaints made against the present managers of the Association is that they have expended several hundred pounds in the last year

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