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Editorial.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL LIST.

WE have been frequently compelled, to our great regret, to condemn the methods of management pursued by the present officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association; and we have hoped against hope that they would recognise the error of their ways, and cease to pursue tactics of which it is impossible that even their own supporters can approve. But that hope has proved to be vain; and emboldened by the patient forbearance with which their proceedings have been received by the members of the Association, the officials have now taken steps, which all who value their own self-respect, as well as the credit and welfare of their Association, must actively oppose.

In order to make the matter perfectly plain to those members who may not have followed the course of events, we would briefly recall some of the salient facts which have occurred during the last three years. Until that time, the Association had steadily grown in numbers, influence, and prestige. In the face of the greatest difficulties, it had prospered in all that it undertook; it had obtained a Royal

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