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Editorial.

MENTAL NURSES.

URING the last few weeks, we have been making some careful inquiries into the question of the Registration of Mental Nurses. Our readers will remember that the officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association have adopted a most ill-judged suggestion that these workers should be enrolled on the "Register of Trained Nurses." They are well aware of the very strong professional feeling which the proposal has aroused, and of the indignation with which well-trained nurses have viewed their attempt to describe persons, who have had little or no general hospital experience and education, as thoroughly trained nurses ; and yet they seem to be obstinately persisting in their most illadvised and deplorable scheme.

During the last two months, we have received letters from various influential persons, who have expressed, from the point of view of the public, their extreme surprise, and even indignation, that such an attempt to impose upon the sick should have been even suggested inside a Corporation entrusted with powers to protect the public from such imposition, under the special authority of a Royal Charter. Those who have made this strange and extraordinary proposal, will



