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## Editorial.

### THE NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

AS we showed, last week, the Royal British Nurses' Association is not a private body in any sense of the term; but, as a Chartered Corporation, is one in the good management of which the public are deeply interested. We propose now to prove another fact which the officials have evidently overlooked, or at any rate have studiously ignored—that the Association is the only Chartered Corporation of Nurses, and that therefore all Nurses are interested in its good name and welfare.

We find that it is necessary to emphasize this fact because a few friends of the officials are seriously attempting to argue that it is also an Association of medical men, and that it was incorporated for their benefit as well as for that of the Nursing profession. The best method of proving the absurdity of this contention will be to quote the exact words of the Charter. In the recitals, or preliminary portion, of that document it is asserted that the Association had in 1892 been joined by more than three thousand nurses—not one word being said about the medical members. It is next stated that the Association was established “for the purposes of the improvement of the profession of nurses and of the promotion of their efficiency and usefulness, and of assisting them by various benevolent

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