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Editorial.

THE NURSES' ASSOCIATION.—II.

WE proved, last week, from the Charter of the Royal British Nurses' Association, that this body was founded and incorporated by the Privy Council for the purpose of benefiting nurses and the public, and therefore was designed for the advantage of *all* trained nurses.

Now, it is beyond dispute that this latter fact has been, whether designedly or not, ignored and nullified by the action of the present officials, and that the Association, as at present managed, is being restricted in membership to a small section of the nursing world—and that, by no means, the most worthy nor the best educated. It was stated for example at the Annual Meeting, last month, that at the present time there are 2,700 nurses on the roll of membership; but of these less than 1,300 paid their annual subscription during the past year. We shall probably be within the mark if we estimate the number of nurse life members at seven hundred; so that the number who should have paid their annual subscription should have been at least 2,000. Therefore at least 700 or one-third of the subscribing members possess so little confidence in the management of the Association that they have not paid their subscriptions. And a reference to the pub-

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