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Editorial.

THE NURSES' ASSOCIATION .- III.

E have proved, during the last fortnight, that the Royal British Nurses' Association was founded for the benefit of Nurses, and that the present nurse members are not receiving any advantages from it. It now only remains to prove that its management is doing them actual injury. The constant efforts made by the officials, during the past two years, to oust the leading nurse members who had any share in the foundation of the Association; the trickery by which the founders of the Association were turned out of the permanent seats promised to them upon the General Council; the constant public disputes and friction which have since arisen; have all tended to bring the Association into the gravest discredit.

The theory has been propounded that Dr. Bezly Thorne, Sir James Crichton Browne, Mr. John Langton, and Mr. Edward Fardon have really been attempting to assist the nurses by proving to all the world how well they formerly managed their own affairs—by drawing public attention to the total failure of these gentlemen in the present conduct of those same affairs. If this be so, we can only say that the officials have admirably succeeded; because the Press throughout the country appears to be unanimous in considering that

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