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## Editorial.

### A PUBLIC PROTEST.

OUR readers will remember that, some three months ago, we published in these columns the important Protests, made against the present mismanagement of the Royal British Nurses' Association, by a number of leading Hospital Matrons, and by the President of the Incorporated Medical Practitioners' Association. It will be also remembered that a number of the leading journals echoed the demand, which was made in these protests, for a public inquiry into the serious charges which were thus advanced. It will be remembered that the officials attempted no reply to those charges at the Meeting of the General Council of the Association in July, and practically admitted their inability to reply by permitting one of their number—Mr. Fardon of the Middlesex Hospital—to read a lengthy document, for which he alone was responsible, at the Annual Meeting of the Association. As we showed at the time this—the only reply which was deemed possible by the officials—was most feeble and foolish, and neither disproved nor really answered one single charge. Finally the officials have not demanded, as honourable men might be expected to demand, that a

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