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## Editorial.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.—I.

Morder to set forth, in the most simple manner, the events which have taken place in the Nursing world during the past four years, it will be well to preface the story by a brief recapitulation of the previous history of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and which as we have already said was narrated in detail in this journal in 1892, and republished in the form of the pamphlet entitled "The Victory of the Nurses."

The British Nurses' Association was founded, to quote the words of its first Bye-Laws:

(1) To unite all qualified British Nurses in membership of a recognized profession.

(2) To provide for their registration on terms satisfactory to physicians and surgeons, as evidence of their having received systematic training.

(3) To associate them for their mutual help and protection and for the advancement in every way of their professional work.

Between February 24th, 1888, when the first General Meeting of members took place, and June, 1893, when the first General Meeting

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