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### Editorial.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION—III.

WE are now compelled to refer to a matter which has not been mentioned before, but which has an important bearing upon the events which followed in the Royal British Nurses' Association. Nearly the whole antagonism to the Association had centred itself upon the two members who took the most active part in its foundation and its subsequent work. As we showed last week, the instructions upon which Sir Richard Webster conducted the case of the opponents to the Royal Charter, compelled that eminent gentleman to devote a great part of his speech before the Privy Council to an onslaught on Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the pages of the *Hospital* newspaper, week by week for five years, teemed with such attacks upon the same member, as well as upon other members of the Association, that her solicitors were at last compelled to threaten that if proceedings for libel had to be taken they would be by criminal process. We do not propose to emphasize this by quotations, and it must be understood that, at the time, it was accepted as part of the penalty those who attempt reforms always have to pay.

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