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WE must digress this week from the history which we have been giving of the Royal British Nurses' Association, in order to devote some attention to a matter of urgent importance. It will be remembered that, last July, protests emanating from an important medical association, and from a number of Hospital Matrons, were published in the press, making serious charges of mismanagement against the present officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association. Chiefly, it was alleged that the management of the Association had been taken out of the hands of the members, by a small body of officials and their friends; that the pledges of the Association to the leading Hospital Matrons had been broken; that the funds of the Association had been so seriously mismanaged that instead of being, as formerly, self-supporting, it was now dependent upon charitable assistance to defray its working expenses, and that its expenditure exceeded its reliable income by some hundreds of pounds each year; that nothing was being done for the nurses for whose benefit the Association was founded; that every oppo-

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