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Editorial.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

WE have devoted the greater part of the present issue to an almost verbatim report of the annual meeting of this Association held on the 22nd inst. It is a fact of the greatest significance that the leading medical men, who are connected with the Association, were conspicuous by their absence, the officials being thus left unsupported by their professional brethren to meet the beginning of the storm which they have aroused. It was equally significant how large a proportion of the nurses present were connected with the Middlesex Hospital.

The London and Provincial press have reported the proceedings at considerable length, and several leading daily papers have commented upon them. As we show in another column, those that have done so have been unanimous in considering that a public inquiry should be held; and as the movement progresses, and the public become more fully aware of the charges brought against the officials, and of their absolute failure to meet or refute those charges, it is beyond all doubt that the demand for a public investigation will grow stronger. So unable did the officials find themselves to reply to the charges advanced against them, that they permitted Mr. Edward A. Fardon, of the Middlesex Hospital, to draw up and read to the meeting a personal statement concerning these charges.

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