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Editorial.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

IT has now become necessary to review the progress of events since the General Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association, held on December 17th last, passed the new Bye-Laws proposed by the officials of that Association. Petitions were at once drawn up and presented to the Privy Council by, and on behalf of, the Incorporated Medical Practitioners' Association, and by a large number of influential members of the Association. In another column, we publish this week the Petition of the Medical Practitioners' Association, and next week we hope to publish the others to which we have alluded. We have refrained, hitherto, from doing so, because the matter was under the consideration of the Privy Council; but as we have reason to believe that its decision will shortly be made public we now deal with the matter.

Dealing first, then, with the medical Petition in question, its importance to nurses can hardly be exaggerated. The principle that the chief Societies of medical men should be represented in the management of the Chartered Corporation of Nurses can hardly be disputed. The work of Nurses is so

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