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### Editorial.

#### PREDICTIONS FULFILLED.

IN the current number of the *Nurses' Journal*, the officials have printed the names of those whom they have constituted the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association for 1898-1899. As this list conclusively proves the predictions which were made concerning the probable constitution of the governing body of the Association—if the officials gained their ends—it deserves the careful consideration of the Nursing profession. The list is headed by the *ex-officio* members, and it is in the highest degree significant to observe that Mr. Edward A. Fardon, M.R.C.S., designates himself THE Honorary Secretary—the name and title of the Nurse Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Coster, being conspicuously omitted.

This is only one more exhibition of the supreme contempt with which the Nurse Secretary is regarded by the other officials of the Nurses' Association—and the implied contempt of the Nurses, whose official representative she is supposed to be. Of course, no wonder will be felt at this; for the fact that, for nine months, the office in question was left vacant, convinced everyone that when an officer was appointed, she would be regarded and treated as a mere cypher. The officials

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