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Editorial.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association, which was held on the 12th instant, showed conclusively the deplorable condition to which the Corporation has been reduced. The leading matrons who formerly took so prominent a part at this gathering were conspicuous by their absence. We are informed that no less than thirty of these ladies have already resigned their membership of the Association—a first fruits of the passing of the new Bye-Laws, which will, doubtless, be followed by similar withdrawals, and which must have disastrous results to the future welfare of the Association.

The audited accounts were presented in a manner which, we regret, was calculated to seriously mislead the meeting. The Treasurer announced that there was a balance shown of some £244, but he did not read to the meeting the auditor's certificate, which pointed out that there were outstanding liabilities to the extent of some £250. Nor did Mr. Langton mention that amongst the £244 about £120 were earmarked for investment for benevolent purposes.

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