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Editorial.

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THE officials of the Royal British Nurses Association have, it would seem, determined to take a most serious step; for if words mean anything, an editorial article concerning the Register of Trained Nurses, which appears in this month's *Nurses' Journal*, implies that the system of registration hitherto carried on by the Association, will henceforth be discontinued; and that instead of the Register of Nurses only a list will be in future published containing "the names of all the members of the Association, both nurse-members and medical members." It is needless to point out that if the names of medical men are added to this list, it ceases at once to be, in any sense, a list of Nurses such as that which the Association was formed in order to carry out. If, as is furthermore implied, what is merely a list of members is in future to be maintained by the Association, the spirit—if not the letter—of the Royal Charter will certainly be contravened. The Charter defined the chief object and purpose of the Association to be as follows:—"The maintenance and publication of a list of persons who may have applied to the Corporation to

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