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Editorial.

NURSING ORGANIZATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE foundation and organization of a Nursing Association is a matter of exceeding interest to us. When we founded the British Nurses' Association, and during the early years of its existence, we, in common with other Matrons who fostered its growth, cherished many hopes as to the benefit to the nursing profession which would be accomplished by its means. That these hopes have not been fulfilled, does not alter our conviction that a professional association should be of great benefit to nurses; but it does make us anxious that new associations should steer clear of the rocks upon which the hopes of British nurses have foundered, with the result that their once honoured Association is now a futile society, respected by neither friend nor foe.

We are, therefore, watching with the greatest interest and sympathy the foundation of the Trained Nurses' Association in New South Wales. The thorny question of Registration has already aroused a considerable amount of criticism, and columns of correspondence, for and against the scheme proposed, have appeared in the public press.

A pertinent question asked by Miss Gould, Matron of the Hospital for the Insane, Sydney, is: "Are nurses to be allowed to register up to a certain standard, or not?" She does not see why the qualified nurses of New South Wales should not form an association of their own, and leave the others to do as they have

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