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Editorial.

THE WAR.

WAR has at last been declared; and strongly as we disapprove of the settlement of national disputes by means of Maxim guns and cold steel, believing that so long as this is possible we are still very low down in the scale of civilization, yet there is one bright side to the overhanging cloud. The work of nurses, in caring for the sick and wounded, is one which must commend itself to all, whatever their politics may be, and however strongly they may disapprove of the reasons which have led to the present crisis. The mission carried on under the shelter of the Red Cross flag is one which seeks, as far as possible, to alleviate the horrors of war, and knows no distinction of colour, creed, or nation, but strives only to render assistance wheresoever it may be needed.

In the present war we rejoice to know that arrangements for the nursing of the sick and wounded are being made on a much larger and more efficient scale than has been the case in preceding campaigns. The lack of adequate nursing in the Soudan last year, exposed by Captain Norton, M.P., in the House of Commons, and to which attention has constantly been directed in this journal, is not to be repeated, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that a considerable

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