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Editorial.

NURSING PROGRESS.

IT has been our pleasurable duty, upon many previous occasions, to chronicle, in these columns, some notable event in the Nursing world, the occurrence of which could be directly traced to that important factor in its progress—The Royal British Nurses' Association. For it is not too much to say that no similar body has ever before brought about, in so short a space of time, such great and such wide reaching results.

For example, we have shown how earnestly the establishment of this union of Nurses was watched by women engaged in many other branches of skilled labour, and how the success which it has achieved has emboldened other sections of female workers also to combine for their mutual aid, and for their general advantage; so that, in this way, the Association has been the pioneer in a movement of co-operation amongst women, the final results of which must be of immense importance, not only in the development of the economics of trade, but in the social and moral elevation of countless numbers of people. To consider, in any detail, the patent results which thus far have been gained, in the field of Nursing alone, would occupy more space than we can afford; because it is well-known that within the last half decade, the three years standard of training, which the Association proclaimed as its first basic principle, at a time when comparatively few Hospitals gave such a curri-

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