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Editorial

JUSTICE.

THE crisis in the affairs of the Royal British Nurses' Association has come at last, as everyone for some time past has felt that, sooner or later, it must come. In view of pending events, it is important that we should explain to our readers what are the claims which have been made by leading members of the Association, and in what matters they demand reforms.

In the first place, they claim that the provisions of the Royal Charter which was granted to the Association by Her Majesty the Queen, shall be obeyed; and they express a surprise, which will be shared by the public at large, that those whose bounden duty it was to observe the law—even if their respect for the Crown was so small that they did not honour the privileges conferred upon her subjects by the Queen in Council—should have attempted to render those privileges and legal rights null and void. In the next place, most of the members are agreed that the Royal British Nurses' Association should be a self-supporting Corporation, and should not be in any way dependent upon charity for its maintenance. Formerly, it enjoyed this

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