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### Editorial.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

THE Meeting in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association, which was held last Friday, and which is reported in another column, will probably attract considerable public attention; and we must, therefore, at once explain to our readers the extraordinary deadlock to which the mismanagement of the officials appears now to have reduced the Association. The Meeting in question was ostensibly a Meeting of the General Council, but, as it was pointed out, there is considerable doubt as to whether the General Council of the Members is at present legally in existence. In order to explain the position of affairs, it is necessary to refer to the legal method of election of the Council, which, as our readers will remember, is the governing body of the Association.

The Royal Charter ordains that "an Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation shall . . . be held . . . for the election of Members of a General Council of Members of the Corporation." There can be no dispute about those words. Under the Royal Charter, the Corporation has its very existence, and it must obey the provisions of the Charter. No other

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