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### Editorial.

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

IT is a curious fact how unexpectedly questions of the gravest constitutional nature sometimes arise. It might have been thought that the Royal British Nurses' Association, with its clearly defined Charter and Bye-laws, would have been almost the last possible source from which such questions would have originated. But, as a matter of fact, there have arisen from proceedings taken by certain members of the Association, questions of the deepest public interest—questions involving the respect which should be paid to decisions of the Supreme Court of Justice, and to the powers and authority conferred by, and resting in, Her Majesty's Privy Council. Analogous questions, it is generally understood, are likely to be raised, in an accentuated form, by recent proceedings in connection with a Chartered Company in South Africa; and when it is remembered that the power of granting Royal Charters without reference to Parliament is one of the most jealously guarded prerogatives of the Crown in this country, the great constitutional questions which are raised by any acts perverting or violating the privileges granted by the Crown, are obvious

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