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Editorial.

QUI S'EXCUSE, S'ACCUSE.

IT is highly significant that the officials of the Royal British Nurses' Association have considered it necessary to issue an apologetic series of excuses for the changes which they have made in the Bye-Laws of that Association. The July number of the *Nurses' Journal* both proves the weakness of the officials' case, and substantiates every argument which has been advanced against their proceedings.

We will, for the moment, restrict our attention to an astounding article entitled, "Some Points for Nurses in the new Bye-Laws," which appears over the signature of Miss H. Wedgwood. This lady conspicuously held herself aloof from the Association during its early days—when it was confronted with many difficulties and much opposition—and only joined its ranks when it had obtained the Royal Charter, and had, therefore, achieved success and popularity. In this course, she imitated Mrs. Coster and Mrs. Dacre Craven; and the interest in, and knowledge of, the Association which is possessed by these three ladies can, therefore, be fairly estimated. We must also recall the fact that it was Miss Wedgwood and Mr. Fardon whose votes, at the meeting convened by the British Medical Association, carried the resolution, which was passed by six votes to five, that registration of nurses was

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