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THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.--I.

IN another column, our readers will find an allusion to a meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association which will probably become historical in the history of Nursing, because the momentous resolution was arrived at, that a Royal Charter for the Association should, at once, be sought. The offer of PRINCESS CHRISTIAN to apply to Her MAJESTY in Council for this Charter, in her own name, is only another addition to the already incalculable debt of gratitude which the Nursing Profession owes to Her ROYAL HIGHNESS.

As this matter will occupy the thoughts of Nurses, for many weeks to come, it will be well for us to clear the ground, for future discussion, by recalling to our readers' minds the history of this great Association of Nurses. It was founded at a meeting attended by forty Matrons of important Hospitals in London and the Provinces, which was held on the invitation, and at the house, of Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, the late Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, early in December, 1887. Her ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS CHRISTIAN at once accepted the office of President and has ever since displayed the greatest interest, and, it is stated, has taken more than her share in the active work of the Association. Many of the leading members of the medical profession immediately joined the movement, and by their invaluable assistance the by-laws were drawn up, constituting the society so

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