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WE have received a large number of inquiries from our readers upon various points connected with the application of the Royal British Nurses' Association for a Royal Charter; and, as the matter is of general interest, we will briefly answer, and explain, the various questions thus raised. As to the wisdom and courage of the Association in thus demanding a public inquiry into the statements made against it, there is a remarkable unanimity of opinion, and all our correspondents, without exception, agree with us that the adoption of this course will probably prove to be of the greatest public benefit to the entire Nursing profession. The subjects to which we will at first confine our attention are the precise meaning of a Royal Charter; the method in which it is obtained; and how opposition can be made, and assistance given, to the Association in the matter.

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