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Editorial.

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

THE keenest interest is being exhibited in the critical contest in which the Royal British Nurses' Association is now engaged. As we have the supreme advantage which independent on-lookers proverbially possess—that of seeing most of the game—we may with advantage briefly state the views which this wide knowledge has led us to form.

The position is one of the most curious of which we have ever heard. On the one hand, there is a private Association, chiefly composed of professional women, formed for the laudable purpose of effecting reforms and improvements in their calling—women who are skilled themselves, and who naturally desire, therefore, to be distinguished by some means from workers who are untrained or untrustworthy. This Association sought for the privileges of incorporation under the Companies Acts, to which, as British subjects, they were clearly entitled. But in consequence of inaccurate and misleading statements concerning the objects and proceedings of the Association, which were made to the Board of Trade, its request for a very humble benefit was refused. That the petition of the Association for a small and simple privilege should be abruptly declined without affording the petitioners any opportunity of stating their case, or of defending themselves against the accusations made against them, seemed, on the face of it, most unconstitutional and most unjust, and we, on

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