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Editorial.

— THE CHARTER. —

CONTINUING our consideration of the Draft Charter of the Royal British Nurses' Association, we must now review the details of the document, which, as our readers will remember, we published at length a fortnight ago. The first point which demands attention is that the Petition for the Royal Charter is made to HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in Council by Her Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN. A contemporary, which never loses an opportunity of displaying its extraordinary ignorance, attempted, some weeks ago, to argue that this gracious act on the part of the PRINCESS was "unconstitutional"; whereas it is a well-known fact that HER ROYAL HIGHNESS and other members of the Royal Family have on several previous occasions petitioned for the grant of a Charter, for Institutions in which they were interested. And, considering the immense interest which the PRINCESS has always shown in the Association, and that, in fact, its success, if not its very existence, is largely due to her great exertions upon its behalf, the only cause for wonder would have been if its PRESIDENT had not herself signed its Petition for a Royal Charter.

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