Royal Charter. We think we cannot do better than boldly and deliberately ask for that Charter. Without that possession we shall fall short, and not fulfil our purposes as completely as we wish to do. Knowing, then, what we want, and knowing also that the opposition is divided and not united—and, again, that nobody has been able to bring against the Association one charge of incapacity or gross imperfection—we feel complete confidence in advancing. If our demand brings the opposition into concrete form, it will be interesting to hear the objections raised. We should like to have definite charges, for hitherto we have never been fortunate enough to hear anything but indefinite statements, and we shall be quite ready to meet them and to dissipate them. So, as I have already said, I hope the Association will go forward with British determination to succeed, not flinching nor yielding, but intent on obtain-

ing what we want. (Applause.)
Mr. BRUDENELL CARTER: I beg to second the resolution which our Chairman has placed before us with such clearness. As one who has taken part in the difficulties which have led up to our proceedings, I would say that the President of the Board of Trade has practically invited us to take a step which should fully evoke all the opposition which can be brought against us.

should be unworthy of the great support and help, which you, Madam, have been pleased to give us if we did not follow the recommendation of Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH. The objections urged against our obtaining the incorporation of the Association were based on statements wholly erroneous with regard to our intentions and our work. I feel sure, however, that nothing can be brought before the Privy Council which can weaken our request. I feel that the possession of the Charter is necessary for our work, and I hope no effort will be spared to help in carrying our quest to a successful termination. (Applause.)

Dr. Bezly-Thorne: It appears to me that the question now is whether or not our position has been altered by the decision of the President of the Board of Trade with regard to our application. Under the circumstances, I may be permitted to review the situation at some length. It will be remembered that the President of the Board of Trade not only pronounced a decision adverse to us, but, in addition, expressed the view that the means at the disposal of the Association were not adequate to its aims. must be borne in mind that the attitude of the Board of Trade was largely influenced by statements which were erroneous and absolutely fallacious, whilst no opportunity, either official



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