

in cap and apron, and are called Trained Nurses! The second Institution I mentioned has this difference—that the unfortunate pupil has to pay twenty-six guineas instead of thirteen—(laughter)—for an equally obscure course of instruction. (Much laughter.) She is then palmed off upon the public, and earns an income ranging from eighty to one hundred guineas a year for the proprietor. Now, people thus engaged do not like a published Register, because their young women would not be entitled to be Registered, and the public would not find their names enrolled as Trained Nurses. (Hear, hear.) I am sorry to say that there is at least one Hospital in London which has been content to make a miserable profit in the same way, by sending out their pupils semi-trained, and inexperienced women, as Nurses; and, when great Hospitals will do this, private individuals, of course, only endeavour to surpass them in imposing upon the public. (Loud applause.) I have said this to show one very manifest advantage of Registration, and to show all into whose houses sickness may come that they should insist upon obtaining a Nurse whose name is on our Register, and that they should support with all their power the efforts made by the Royal British Nurses' Association to secure a most important measure of Nursing reform. (Loud applause.)

Dr. BEZLY THORNE: My Lord Mayor, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—It has been well said by Sir William Savory that the advancement made of late years in the science and art of Nursing, and in the training of Nurses, has been most remarkable; indeed, it may be truly said that they have given birth to a new profession; for it is only of recent date that there has arisen that culture of body and mind amongst Nurses, which makes nursing a comparatively new calling for women. It is to the credit of the Royal British Nurses' Association that they have recognised this, and certainly the most important step which it has taken in this

direction is to give effect to the principle of Registration. I think, when you take into consideration the important work of Nurses in your houses, you will see that their Registration is a matter of the first importance. The Association was so firmly convinced of this that it determined to have Registration of the same kind as medical registration. This has been done, though it has met with a great deal of opposition from persons, some of whom are eminent in philanthropy, others in medicine, some in nursing, while many are not eminent in anything at all. They all come forward to declare that the Registration of Nurses can only result in misleading the public and degrading the Nurses professionally—misleading the public, because they consider that Registration deals only with the technical and not the moral character of the Nurse; and degrading to the Nurse, because it would reduce all to a dead level of mediocrity. Now, as I am very anxious that everyone may understand the principles of our Registration, I hope you will bear with me whilst I explain them to you. The Register is an alphabetical list, with columns giving brief and important information regarding the Nurses, and as an entry in it gave such satisfaction to a friend of Sir James Crichton Browne's, I will take one in order to show the system. (Dr. Thorne then quoted the particulars given in the Register concerning a Nurse.) Now you see the information with regard to every Nurse given in this Register is in such a form that it meets the eye in a moment. But there is one point on which I must lay stress. However brilliant a Nurse's credentials of technical training may be, she is not placed on this list unless she can produce the most unexceptional proofs as to character. The Registration Board also retains the power of erasing the name of any Nurse who shows herself unworthy. Now, I will ask the Lord Mayor, who is an entirely independent authority, Where does the "delusion of the public" come in? Every Nurse stands here upon her own merits, and how are they

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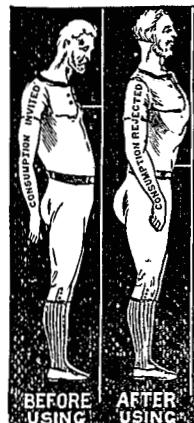
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