

would have thought that the training bodies themselves would have been the very first to welcome such a scheme, in order that they might say, "We send out no Nurse who is not Registered."

Another objection is that no oral or written examination in the technical details of a Nurse's duty can give an estimate of her real fitness; but the Association does not pretend to examine—what they ask for are satisfactory testimonials of practical experience, natural gifts and moral qualities, from the Hospital authorities who are responsible for her training.

In conclusion, Dr. Eady said that he felt that he had not done justice to the subject; but he hoped he had said sufficient to show that the Royal British Nurses' Association was deserving of the support of the General Practitioners' Alliance, and that they would be unanimous in voting in favour of the motion, he now begged to propose:—"That this meeting of the General Practitioners' Alliance considers that the Registration of Trained Nurses is a measure which is calculated to protect the sick against untrustworthy Nurses and will be of much advantage to medical men by affording them ready and reliable information as to the training and experience which Nurses have received. This meeting,

therefore, believes that it would be for the public welfare that the Royal British Nurses' Association should be incorporated by Royal Charter, and requests the President of the Alliance to forward a copy of the Resolution to the Lord President of the Privy Council."

Dr. Alderson, in rising to second the Resolution, said he should be very brief, for he had no set speech, and after the able address of Dr. Eady, on the origin and objects of the Royal British Nurses' Association, it needed but few words from him to prove the need of aiding to obtain a Royal Charter for this praiseworthy Association, by which measure its usefulness would be greatly extended, and by which it would become entitled to hold trust funds which would be available for granting pensions to deserving Nurses after years spent in this useful calling. At present, the Royal British Nurses' Association were precluded from holding property, as had been already explained. He felt sure that this prospect of giving pensions after years of service, would tend greatly to the advancement and encouragement of good Nursing. He supported this Resolution because he felt certain it was for the public good, for the protection of the sick who were unable to protect themselves, and who, when on a sick bed, were

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