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a Nurse, such a Register as that contemplated by the Draft Charter is unnecessary. Moreover, the Training Schools can and do keep in touch with their Nurses after they have left the schools, and the information supplied by them is, therefore, besides being trustworthy, more complete than that supplied by such a Register as aforesaid could possibly be.

11. Even were it desirable that a corporation should be established which should maintain a general Register of Nurses, and acquire controlling power over the education and training of Nurses, your Petitioners humbly submit that such corporation should be representative of, and should receive the concurrence and support of the following classes of persons—namely: (1) the general body of Nurses; (2) the Training Schools and other bodies and persons, whether belonging to the medical profession or not, whose efforts have contributed to the advance which has already taken place in the training of Nurses; and (3) the governing bodies of, at all events, the leading Hospitals in the Wards of which the training must necessarily be carried on.

12. The Royal British Nurses' Association has, as your Petitioners humbly submit, no claim to be considered representative of any of the abovementioned classes of persons, and your Petitioners further desire most respectfully to submit that the Association has not, up to the present, achieved such an amount of success, or received such extensive support as to entitle it to claim exceptional recognition.

13. Your Petitioners submit that the purposes stated in the Draft Charter, other than the maintenance of the Register aforesaid, although desirable and beneficial, can be effectually accomplished by an unincorporated Association.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray:

- (1) That your Majesty may be pleased not to grant a Charter for the incorporation of the Royal British Nurses' Association.
- (2) That your Petitioners may be heard by Counsel in support of this Petition, and may be at liberty to produce such evidence as may be necessary; or that your Majesty may be pleased to make such orders in the premises as to your Majesty in your royal wisdom and justice may seem meet.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.





