

could not, under any circumstances, be successfully accomplished unless (1) the registering authority had power to control both the training schools and the hospitals; (2) it were rendered compulsory on training schools, hospitals, and other institutions and persons to furnish the registering authority with all requisite information in their possession; (3) penalties were imposed for fraud and for the falsification of the register; and (4) not only the duty of the registering authority, but also the rights of the persons seeking registration were defined and established.

46. It is therefore humbly submitted that any such general register (if the same ought to be established) should only be established and carried on under statutory powers, and that any such Register not so established and carried on would inevitably be inaccurate and misleading, and furthermore that, in proportion as the grant of a Charter would enhance the dignity of the Association and the size and importance of its Register, the probability of mistakes and the opportunities of and incentives to fraud would be increased, and the greater would be the danger and mischief which would be likely to ensue.

47. It is further submitted that the Association, if incorporated as aforesaid, would be enabled, by means of its position as a chartered corporation and its control of the Register, to acquire a real, if indirect, power of exercising control over the training and education of the whole body of Nurses.

48. Even were it desirable that a corporation should be established which should be endowed with or enabled to acquire such controlling powers, it is humbly submitted that such Corporation should be representative of and should receive the concurrence and support of (1) the general body of the best trained Nurses; (2) the authorities of 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; (3) the governing bodies of, at all events, the leading hospitals in the wards of which the training must necessarily be carried on; and (4) those members of the medical profession who are actively engaged in the instruction of Nurses.

49. It is further submitted that the Association has no claim to be considered representative of the classes of persons mentioned in the last paragraph, and that, having regard to the provisions of the draft Charter, the corporation (if established) would not be, and would not be likely to become, more representative of such classes of persons than the Association now is.

50. It is further submitted that the Association has not attained such a position, financially or otherwise, as would enable it successfully or advantageously to undertake the duties and responsibilities which the grant of the draft Charter would entail upon it, and that it has not, up to the present, received support so extensive or so maintained in character, or accomplished (either as regards the value or accuracy of the Register of Trained Nurses established by it or otherwise) such useful work as would entitle it to claim exceptional recognition.

51. It is further submitted that it would be essential to the success of a register of Nurses that the registering body should be in a position to discriminate between the value to be attached to the certificates of different hospitals, and to determine the standard of training for a Nurse and qualification for a hospital undertaking to train, and that, as (having regard to the facts stated in paragraphs 18 19 and 20 hereof) this is not at present possible, the establishment at the present time of any central body with exceptional powers of controlling the education and training of Nurses would be premature, and would impede rather than promote further improvement of nursing.

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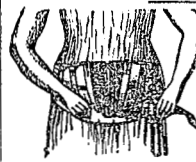
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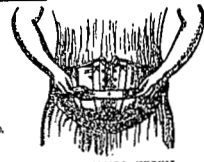
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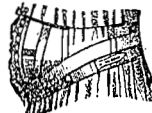
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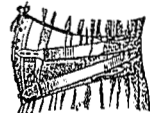
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