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[NOTE.—The following is the draft Supplemental Charter, marked with the letter A, referred to in an Agreement dated the 21st day of December, 1916, and made between The Royal British Nurses' Association and The College of Nursing, Limited.]

GEORGE THE FIFTH by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, KING, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING.

WHEREAS it has been represented to us that, since the Royal British Nurses' Association was incorporated by Royal Charter, granted by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria on the sixth day of June in the fifty-sixth year of Her Reign (hereinafter called "the Principal Charter"), an Association entitled the College of Nursing Limited and registered under the Companies Acts 1908 and 1913 as a Company Limited by guarantee has been formed for promoting the better education and training of Nurses and uniformity thereof and obtaining State Registration of Nurses.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable, in the interests of Nursing, that the said College shall be amalgamated with the said Association.

AND WHEREAS it has been represented to us that the usefulness of the said Amalgamated Bodies would be increased if a Supplemental Charter were granted, altering the name and extending the powers of the said Association and altering the Constitution thereof so as to make it more fully representative of the Nursing Profession.

AND WHEREAS the services of Nurses during the present War have made the Nursing Profession deserving of Our Royal gratitude and favour.

Now KNOW YE that we, in supplement of the Principal Charter, HAVE of Our Special Grace, certain knowledge and mere motion given and granted and WE HEREBY GIVE AND GRANT as follows:

CHANGE OF NAME.

The name of the Royal British Nurses' Association shall henceforth be changed to the Royal British College of Nursing and the expression "the Corporation" in the Principal Charter and in this Charter shall mean the Royal British College of Nursing and apply to the amalgamated Body consisting of the said Association and the said College.

EXTENSION OF PURPOSES AND POWERS OF THE CORPORATION.

The purposes of the Corporation shall be extended so as to include the following:

(a) The promotion of the development of Nursing as a profession and of any branch of women's work connected with hospitals.

(b) The improvement of the training, education and professional status of Nurses, and the promotion of a uniform curriculum and standard of qualification.

(c) The institution and conduct of examinations and the grant of Diplomas and Certificates of Proficiency in Nursing, or any branch of Nursing.

(d) The making and maintaining of an official Register of persons qualified to act as Nurses.

(e) To promote legislation to provide for the State recognition of and protection of the official Register and for the development and protection of the Profession of Nursing and for the carrying into effect of the purposes of the Principal Charter and this Charter.

(f) To accept any gift, endowment, or bequest made to the Corporation generally or for the purpose of any specific object connected with Nursing and to carry out any trusts or conditions attached to any such gift, endowment, or bequest; and to acquire and hold lands and hereditaments of the yearly value of £10,000.

(g) To do anything incidental or conducive to carrying into effect the foregoing purposes.

MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

The members of the Corporation shall consist of the following persons:—

(1) The President;

(2) All persons who at the date of this Charter are members of or whose names are on the Register of the Royal British Nurses' Association;

(3) All persons who at the date of this Charter are members of the College of Nursing Limited;

(4) All persons who from time to time become members of the Corporation in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Corporation for the time being in force.

THE PRESIDENT AND HONORARY OFFICERS.

The first President shall be Her Royal Highness Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland.

THE COUNCIL.

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Body to be called "the Council" which shall be the Governing Body of the Corporation. All the duties and powers by the Principal Charter heretofore vested in the General Council and the Executive Committee thereby constituted shall be vested in and be exercisable by the Council.

The Council shall consist of such number of persons possessing such qualifications who shall hold office for such period and shall retire therefrom in such rotation as may be prescribed by the Bye-Laws for the time being in force.

The first Council of the Corporation shall consist of the following members of the said Association and College, and they shall hold office until the expiration of two years from the date of this charter or until the first appointment of the Council under the Bye-Laws whichever shall last happen.

Anna Beatrix Baillie, R.R.C. (Matron, Royal Infirmary, Bristol).

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