

The Royal British Nurses' Association.

ROYAL CHARTER.

VICTORIA, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith, TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING.

WHEREAS it has been represented to Us by Our Most Dearly Beloved Daughter HELENA, PRINCESS CHRISTIAN of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland—

That in 1887 a Society was established in London called the "British Nurses' Association," which has since its establishment been joined by more than 3,000 Nurses, each one of whom has been engaged for three years or more in attendance upon the sick.

That the said Association was not established for the purpose of gain but for the purposes of the improvement of the profession of Nurses and of the promotion of their efficiency and usefulness and of assisting them by various benevolent schemes.

That in furtherance of the said objects a List of Nurses has been compiled and published setting forth the names and addresses of Nurses with the names of the Hospitals or Institutions at which they have been trained and the length of training which each has received thus enabling the public to form a more accurate judgment of the professional education and experience of the Nurses so registered.

That a benevolent fund has been established for the purpose of giving aid to Nurses, and that the management of the said Association is vested in certain eminent members of the Medical Profession, Matrons of Hospitals, and other persons interested in Nursing.

And that in 1891 We were graciously pleased to confer on the said Association the prefix and title of "Royal" and to command that the said Association should be styled the "Royal British Nurses' Association."

AND WHEREAS Our said dearly beloved daughter is President of the said Association,

AND WHEREAS it has been represented unto Us by Our said dearly beloved daughter that it would conduce to the welfare of the Association and to the furtherance of its objects if the said Association were Incorporated by Our Royal Charter,

AND WHEREAS an application has been made to Us by Our said dearly beloved daughter so to incorporate the several persons hereinafter named and all other the members of the said Association,

AND WHEREAS it appears to Us that a permanent Association formed for the purpose of maintaining a closer connection among persons practising as Nurses and thereby ensuring mutual counsel, comfort, and support, and for the purpose of disseminating to the public at large information respecting such persons is likely to prove of much public benefit, and that such

purposes would be better ensured by the incorporation of such an Association.

NOW KNOW YE THAT WE being desirous of promoting the said Association have of our especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion given and granted and We do hereby give and grant that

Our said most dearly beloved daughter HELENA, PRINCESS CHRISTIAN of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland, Our trusty and well beloved

Sir JAMES PAGET, Baronet.
 Sir SPENCER WELLS, Baronet.
 Sir WILLIAM SAVORY, Baronet.
 Sir RICHARD QUAIN, Baronet.
 Sir JOSEPH FAYRER, Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India.
 Sir HENRY THOMPSON, Knight Bachelor.
 Sir JAMES CRICHTON BROWNE, Knight Bachelor.
 Sir DYCE DUCKWORTH, Knight Bachelor.
 Sir EDWARD SIEVEKING, Knight Bachelor.
 Sir ALFRED GARROD, Knight Bachelor.
 Sir GEORGE HUMPHRY, Knight Bachelor.
 ROBERT BRUDENELL CARTER, Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
 JOHN WILLIAMS, Doctor of Medicine.
 WILLIAM BEZLY THORNE, Doctor of Medicine.
 BEDFORD FENWICK, Doctor of Medicine.
 ISLA STEWART (Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital).
 G. M. THOROLD (Lady Superintendent of the Middlesex Hospital).
 ETHEL GORDON FENWICK (late Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital).
 CASSANDRA BEACHCROFT (Lady Superintendent of the Lincoln County Hospital).
 MARGARET BREAY (Acting Matron of the Metropolitan Hospital).
 MARY N. CURETON (Lady Superintendent of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge).
 CHRISTINA FORREST (Lady Superintendent of the York County Hospital).
 LOUISA HOGG (Head Sister, Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar).
 R. F. LUMSDEN (Hon. Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen).
 HENRIETTA C. POOLE (Nursing Superintendent, Adelaide Hospital, Dublin).
 GERTRUDE A. ROGERS (Lady Superintendent of the Leicester Infirmary).
 GEORGINA SCOTT (Lady Superintendent of the Sussex County Hospital).
 MAUD G. SMITH (Lady Superintendent of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol).
 CATHERINE J. WOOD (late Lady Superintendent of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street).

And all other persons who pursuant to this Our Charter become members of the Corporation established by this Our Charter shall be a body corporate by the name of the Royal British Nurses' Association having a perpetual succession and a Common Seal with a capacity to sue and be sued in their Corporate name and for the purposes of the said Corporation to take, purchase and hold any personal property and also notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain any messuage land and hereditaments provided that the yearly value of such messuages, land and hereditaments shall not

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