

in the whole exceed £2,000, the yearly value of such messuages, land and hereditaments being for that purpose taken to be the yearly value thereof at the times they are respectively acquired by the Corporation, With power to sell grant and demise mortgage or exchange and dispose of the said property messuages lands and hereditaments or any part thereof, Provided that the Corporation shall apply its profits if any or other income solely in promoting its objects and for no other purpose.

And We do hereby declare as follows :—

*Preliminary.*

In the construction of this Our Charter the following words and expressions unless there is something in the context inconsistent with such interpretation shall have the meanings hereinafter attached to them ; that is to say—

“The Corporation” means the Royal British Nurses’ Association, incorporated by this Our Charter.

“Person” includes a body of persons incorporated or unincorporated.

Words in the masculine gender include the feminine and words in the singular number include the plural and in the plural number include the singular.

*Purposes and Powers of the Corporation.*

The purposes of the Corporation are the following :—

1. The founding and maintenance of schemes for the benefit of Nurses in the practice of their profession and in times of adversity sickness and old age.
2. The maintenance of an office or offices for supplying information to persons seeking for Nurses and to persons seeking for employment as Nurses.
3. The maintenance and publication of a list of persons who may have applied to the Corporation to have their names entered therein as Nurses, and whom the Corporation may think fit to enter therein from time to time, coupled with such information about each person so entered as to the Corporation may from time to time seem desirable.
4. The promotion of conferences, public meetings and lectures in connection with the general work of the Corporation.
5. The doing anything incidental or conducive to carrying into effect the foregoing purposes.

The Corporation may affiliate to themselves or amalgamate with themselves or enter into any arrangements for wholly or partially working in conjunction with any person or any body of persons corporate or unincorporate formed for all or any of the purposes for which the Corporation themselves are formed or for any purposes analogous or corresponding thereto and may for the purpose of carrying into effect this power contribute to or receive contributions from any person or from the funds of any such body of persons upon such conditions as to the corporation may seem fit or

make such other financial arrangements from time to time with such persons or bodies as may be mutually agreed upon.

The Corporation may with a view of carrying into effect the purposes of their constitution or any of such purpose erect and maintain adequate buildings with such accommodation as may be deemed fitting for the purposes of the Corporation and may furnish the same with such requisites as may be necessary.

*Funds.*

All property now belonging to, or held in trust for, the Royal British Nurses’ Association shall from the date of these presents vest in the Corporation.

*As to the President and Honorary Officers.*

There shall be a President of the Association and such number of Honorary Officers as the Association may from time to time think fit to appoint.

The first President shall be her Royal Highness Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

The first Honorary Officers shall be those persons who at the date of this Our Charter are Honorary Officers of the Royal British Nurses’ Association in the recitals of this Our Charter specified.

On the resignation or death of the President or of any Honorary Officer and as occasion may arise the vacancies shall be filled up by the General Council hereinafter mentioned, upon the nomination of the Executive Committee hereinafter mentioned.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the General Council and Executive Committee or of any Sub-Committees thereof at which she may be present.

The President shall have power to summon meetings of the Corporation at any time she may think fit so to do, in order to submit to the Members thereof such matters of importance relating to the affairs of the Corporation as she may deem requisite.

*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 Our Charter are members of the Royal British Nurses’ Association in the recitals of this Our Charter specified.
3. Persons from time to time elected as hereinafter mentioned.
4. The Corporation may by Bye-law regulate the qualifications of candidates for election, but no such Bye-law shall come into force until approved by the Lords of the Privy Council.

*General Meetings.*

There shall be a General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation within the space of six calendar months after the date of these presents. An Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation shall thereafter be held once in every year at such time as may be prescribed by the Bye-laws for the time being in force, for the election of members of a General

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