

or Trustees of the Association shall be chargeable for such property as may come into their hands and shall be answerable and accountable for their own acts, receipts, neglects, and defaults, and for the due administration of such property in the same manner and to the same extent as they would as such Managers or Trustees have been if no incorporation had been effected, and the incorporation of the Association shall not diminish or impair any control or authority exercisable by the Chancery Division or the Charity Commissioners over such Managers or Trustees, but they shall, as regards any such property, be subject jointly and separately to such control and authority as if the Association were not incorporated. In case the Association shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts, the Association shall only deal with the same in such manner as allowed by law having regard to such trusts, provided that only those masseuses shall be qualified to be members of the Society who undertake the work of massage of females and children, and that no member shall undertake massage for men except at the special request of a Registered Medical Practitioner in some urgent or nursing case, and any member who shall commit a breach of this rule shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society.

Notice is hereby further given that any person, Company or Corporation objecting to this application may bring such objection before the Board of Trade on or before the 21st day of June inst., by a letter addressed to the Assistant Secretary, Railway Department, Board of Trade, Whitehall, London, S.W.

Dated this 1st day of June, 1900.

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We understand that the Society applied also for powers of registering and licensing masseuses, but as this application does not appear in the advertisement, presumably it has not been granted.

We are of opinion that some such scheme is greatly needed, in the interest of the sick, and in order to protect the reputation of reputable masseuses from the odium which malpraxis and abuse by untrained persons have brought upon them. We hope, therefore, that this Society may succeed in incorporation.

We think that the standard of education to be demanded of these masseuses should be defined, and we hope it will be an exhaustive one. We believe the standard required by the Society making the application is sound, but somewhat elementary. The most satisfactory course for masseuses at present, in our opinion, is that given by Dr. Fletcher Little, who insists on a thorough grounding in anatomy and physiology, in a course extending over three months. It is to be hoped that the Society of Trained Masseuses will not make the mistake of adopting too low a standard. We presume, also, that the members will always work under the direction of a medical practitioner, and we would further suggest that, before women are allowed to enter for this course, they should undergo a medical examination as to their physical

fitness for the occupation of masseuses. Massage is work which essentially needs to be performed by persons of good physique if the patients are to obtain its full benefit, for there is no doubt that they absorb a certain amount of vitality from the masseuse, and this a weedy and delicate woman is unable to give. At present, instruction in massage is given, by many teachers, to any one willing to pay the required fees for tuition, and so many persons physically unfit enter the ranks of masseuses. Now that it is proposed that some sort of control and organization shall be evolved, we hope that the physical condition of candidates will be taken into account in admitting them to the course of teaching arranged by the Incorporated Society. The professional, as well as the financial capacity of the pupil, demands consideration.

We cannot but think that, taking into consideration the many interests involved, that the solicitors would have done wisely to have inserted the Notice of the Application in other than the one 3d. daily paper which is seen by few of the working women concerned. Why was not this advertisement placed in the medical and nursing press? Its objects are right and just, and its promoters have nothing to lose by an open and straightforward policy.

“Figures for Nurses to note and Remember.”

We observe that the management of the Welsbach Company, of which Sir Henry Burdett is Chairman, is being very adversely criticised by the reputable financial press; and as this Company sometimes finds space for advertisement in Sir Henry Burdett's hospital paper, it would be wise for nurses to pause before investing their hardly earned savings in this concern. In plain English, shares originally bought at £1 have been down during the past week to rubbish prices at 2s. 6d.

The Investors' Review says:—“To treat the Report of this Company's Board for the year ended March 31st with gravity, is impossible. The thing itself is so lightsome and fragile in everything but the monstrous volume of its capital. From its birth the concern has suffered from a kind of financial elephantiasis, and the disease now promises to swallow it wholly up. In language that the Chairman, Sir Henry Burdett, the bravely advertised man of hospitals, may comprehend, it now stands ready for a surgical operation by which its fantastical capital may be cut down to bearable dimensions. If in the process it should die, then we can have a nice *post-mortem*.”

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