

the letter "B" and has been signed by or on behalf of the parties hereto and the substitution of the same for the said bye-laws of the tenth day of Jane One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight subject to such alterations (if any) as may be agreed between the parties hereto.

3. Forthwith upon the amendment of the existing Charter or the grant of a Supplemental Charter in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1 hereof and of the repeal of the existing bye-laws and the approval of the new bye-laws in lieu thereof in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2 hereof the assets of the College shall be transferred to the Corporation in whom the assets and liabilities of the Association shall continue to be vested and all necessary steps shall be taken to liquidate and wind up the College of Nursing, Limited.

4. If the existing Charter shall not be amended or a Supplemental Charter granted, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1, or if the existing bye-laws shall not be annulled, and new bye-laws approved in lieu thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2, within the period of twelve months from the date of this Agreement it shall be lawful for either of the parties hereto to give to the other notice in writing of their desire to determine the proposals for the amalgamation of the Association and the College and thereupon the provisions of Clauses 1, 2 and 3 hereof shall become null and void and be of no effect ab initio.

5. If the Charter shall be amended and new bye-laws approved, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Association shall as soon as the amalgamation with the College is completed, promote or otherwise take steps to obtain an Act of Parliament for the Registration of nurses and the keeping of a Register or Registers of Nurses.

6. The College shall pay all the reasonable and proper costs and expenses of the College and the Association, in connection with the negotiations for and the preparation and completion of this Agreement and of carrying or attempting to carry the same into effect.

IN WITNESS whereof the Association and the College have caused their respective Common Seals to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

The COMMON SEAL of the Royal British Nurses' Association was hereunto affixed in the presence of

HERBERT PATERSON,  
*Honorary Medical Secretary, R.B.N.A.*

ISABEL MACDONALD,  
*Secretary.*

The COMMON SEAL of The College of Nursing Limited was hereunto affixed in the presence of

ARTHUR STANLEY } Members of  
SARAH ANN SWIFT } the Council.  
MARY S. RUNDLE, Secretary.

#### DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER.

A.

[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 TO 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.

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