

THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER.

EXTENSION OF POWERS AND PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION.

The Nurses' Journal (the official organ of the Royal British Nurses' Association) publishes, in the current issue, reports of the two meetings of the General Council which have taken place in connection with the proposed amalgamation of the College of Nursing, Ltd., with the Corporation, and in an Editorial, approved by the Executive Committee, states that the Council, after very careful and anxious consideration, have come to the conclusion that the effect of the alterations made in the Draft Supplemental Charter by the Privy Council would be that under the new Charter no further powers would be conferred upon the Association than those already possessed under the original Charter. The result, therefore, would be that this new Charter would serve merely to obscure the very far-reaching powers which are held under the old, and thus to minimise the value of the latter.

We reprint in this issue the Draft Supplemental Charter as originally drafted, and as amended by the Lords of the Privy Council, in parallel columns, and also the official correspondence between the solicitors of the Corporation and the Clerk of the Council. In our next issue we shall refer to the proceedings at the meetings of the General Council of the Association on July 5th and September 27th.

As Originally Drafted.

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.

*As Amended by the Lords of the Privy Council.**

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, *other than the practice of medicine, surgery, and obstetrics.*

(b) The improvement of the training, education, and professional status of Nurses, and the promotion of *equivalent curricula and standards of qualification for all classes of Nurses.*

(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 a Register of persons qualified, *in the opinion of the Corporation,* to act as Nurses.

(e) To promote legislation to provide for the State recognition of and protection of *an* official Register and *to foster and develop* the Profession of Nursing and *to carry* into effect 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 the foregoing purposes.

* On the draft, as submitted for the consideration of the first of the two meetings of the Council, the only alterations entered were the deletion of the word "official" in Clause (d) and the substitution of the word "an" for "the" in Clause (e).

† It has been indicated that the Lords of the Council might consider a suggestion to substitute the words "the Register of the Corporation," or "an official Register based on the Register of the Corporation," for "the official Register" in this clause, if the word "official" were deleted from paragraph (d).

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