

## CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The name of the Association shall be The British College of Nurses.

The Offices of the College will be situated in London.

The Objects of the College shall be :—

1. To promote in every possible manner the better education of women as nurses for the sick of all classes.
2. To unite together the best trained women nurses in the British Empire for their mutual assistance, comfort and support, and for their benefit by any measure which is considered suitable.
3. To hold Examinations in general, or special professional subjects ; to arrange for courses of Lectures, Classes or Demonstrations in professional subjects in London and elsewhere. To grant Certificates to those candidates who pass such Examinations. And especially to hold Examinations for nurses desirous of becoming Fellows or Members of the College, and to grant suitable Diplomas to those successful in passing such Examinations, and who may be elected in consequence as Fellows or Members.
4. To withdraw or cancel temporarily or permanently any Certificates or Diplomas granted by the College, in cases in which such withdrawal or cancellation shall seem advisable, and under regulations to be specially provided for that purpose.
5. To take measures if necessary against any person claiming to hold Certificates or Diplomas from the College, but who has never received such documents, or whose name has been removed, in accordance with Clause 4, from the Roll of the College.
6. To promote, assist, arrange, or carry out, schemes for the benefit of Fellows or Members of the College, and especially in the provision of Pensions in old age, or grants of money during sickness or adversity.
7. To establish or support or aid in the establishment of any Insurance scheme or benevolent association which may be considered desirable for the benefit of the Fellows or the Members of the College ; and to subscribe to any charitable or benevolent society duly incorporated, and having purposes similar to those of the College, in return for benefits to be given to Fellows or Members of the College, or calculated in any way to further the objects of the College ; and to amalgamate, affiliate, or co operate with any society or institution connected in any way with the purposes for which the College has been founded.
8. To appoint Inspectors, Examiners, Lecturers, and other officers as may be needed from time to time in London and elsewhere to carry out the work in which the College is engaged ; and if thought desirable to found and endow Travelling Scholarships to enable Fellows or Members of the College to visit and study in other countries.
9. To give legal advice, assistance and protection in suitable cases to Fellows and Members of the College, under conditions to be specially provided for by regulations of the Council of the College.
10. To provide by purchase or on lease or otherwise in London and elsewhere, offices, houses, halls, or

other premises as may be needed for the purposes of the work of the College.

11. To establish or to purchase, print, publish, and circulate a newspaper, journal or magazine, and such other circulars and documents, periodical or otherwise, as may appear from time to time to be advisable for the purpose of promoting the work of the College.

12. To accept any gifts, endowments or bequests made to the College, either for its general objects or for some special purpose connected with its work ; and to carry out the provisions of any Trust which may be attached to any such gift, endowment, or bequest.

13. To sell, dispose of, exchange, purchase, mortgage, or turn to account any of the property of the College which is not held under specific Trusts, as may from time to time be considered by the Trustees and Council of the College to be essential, expedient or desirable in the interests of the College.

14. To borrow or raise by depositing with the Bankers of the College, stocks and shares belonging to the General or Endowment fund of the College and not to any other specific Trust, such sums as may from time to time be considered necessary for the purposes of the College, and to repay such advances from the Bankers as soon as may seem desirable.

15. To place on deposit with the Bankers or to invest in Securities such moneys of the College as may not be immediately required for its purposes, in or upon such investments or securities of property as the Treasurer and Trustees of the College shall consider advisable.

16. To promote Bills in Parliament or to take such measures as may be necessary to alter, amend, or to defeat Bills in Parliament, or to take any action which the Council may consider advisable to oppose any proceedings by any person or body of persons which may seem to be detrimental to the interests of the College or of Nurses or of the Profession of Nursing.

17. To take, whenever deemed necessary, steps to secure the legal incorporation of the British College of Nurses, with such powers and objects as seem to the Council of the College to be advisable.

18. To do all such other lawful things as may from time to time be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

2. The income and property of the College shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the College, as hereinbefore set forth. And no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or profit to the Fellows or Members of the College. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of reasonable and proper remuneration or out-of-pocket expenses to the President, Vice-Presidents, Members of Council of the College, or to Inspectors, Examiners, Lecturers, Teachers, Clerks or other Servants appointed by the College, or to any other person in return for any services actually rendered to the College.

3. Complete and detailed accounts shall be kept by Accountants appointed by the Trustees and Treasurer of every amount of money received and expended by the College, and of the matter to which such receipt and expenditure relate. And each year

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