

applause.) Finally, I must say a few words upon a very serious matter. Ladies and gentlemen, the action of about a dozen Hospitals, out of the great number scattered through the country, has put our Association to the expense and trouble of applying for a Royal Charter. The incorporation of the Association under the ordinary Companies' Acts would have been quite sufficient for all our requirements, but that was denied to us. I very earnestly hope that the Association may not find that any opposition is now made to our efforts to obtain a Royal Charter. But, should this opposition be made, I think it will then be the duty of our Counsel—the very serious and very painful duty—to make public the motives which have made some Hospitals oppose the publication of a list of Trained Nurses. (Hear, hear.) We are quite willing to let bygones be bygones—to forgive and forget. If our opponents are wise they will accept the olive-branch, and come and help us in our efforts to save the public from grave dangers, and the profession of Nursing from the gravest discredit. But if they will not, we know our duty, and we intend to carry it out to the end. (Loud applause.) If our opponents force us to tell the public the truth, upon them must rest the responsibility for any consequences which may ensue. (Loud applause.) We hear a great deal of the difficulties which Hospitals now labour under, and I hope—I very fervently and earnestly hope—that we shall not have to shake public confidence still further as regards certain of these Institutions. (Hear, hear.) I have sincere pleasure in seconding the first resolution. (Loud and continued applause.)

Mr. BRUDENELL CARTER: My Lord Mayor, Ladies, and Gentlemen,—After the very admirable addresses which have been made, it will not be necessary that I should detain you by many words; but the resolution which is before us contains the request for a system of Registration which, whilst protecting the sick against incompetent and untrustworthy

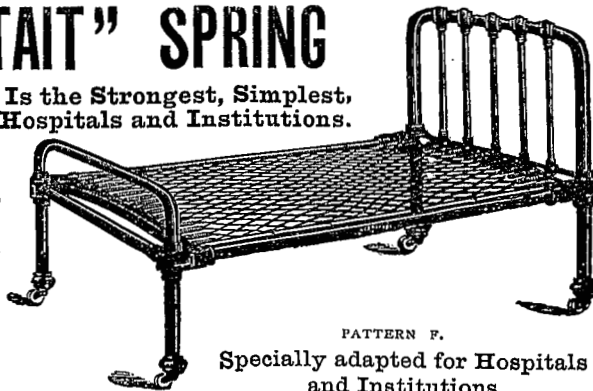
Nurses, protects qualified Nurses themselves. And I assure you that this clause has been adopted after grave deliberations, and with a sense of the great importance which should attach to it. The Council express, in fact, their conviction, that under existing circumstances the sick are liable to have foisted upon them the services of people who, whatever their good intentions, are absolutely inefficient as Nurses, and who, rendered rash by ignorance, may even commit the greatest mistakes in carrying out the duties which they have undertaken. Much evidence, in support of this assertion, can and will, if necessary, be brought forward; but we hope such matters will be allowed to sleep. It would be difficult to over-estimate the effects upon the public mind of the knowledge, on this score, which has come into our possession, and which, if circumstances demand it, we shall make known throughout the country. I first took an interest in this work on learning, in the course of my own practice, how small a share of their earnings went into the pockets of the Nurses, and how large a proportion went elsewhere. I wished to help them, so that their adequate services might be adequately paid for. It came to my knowledge that there were Institutions (I sometimes had Nurses from them for my patients) where the Nurses received a small annual stipend, where they earned four or five times as much as they received, so that their employer gained a huge income by simply keeping a Register-book, and supplying Nurses to medical men who required them. These Private Institutions are increasing in numbers; and quite lately I have heard of two, of which I will give some brief details. In one, young women are received for thirteen weeks' instruction, for which they are expected to pay thirteen guineas. The "instruction" is given, I know not how, I know not where, for there is no Hospital available, there are no lectures; and, after the thirteen weeks of this instruction are over, the young women are sent out, prettily dressed

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JOHN SCOTT, Hon. Secretary.

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