

the education and qualification of Nurses, and your Petitioners believe that the maintenance, by such a body, of a general Register of Nurses, would seriously impede the progress which is now being made in the direction of the establishment, in connection with all Hospitals and Infirmarys, of Training Schools for Nurses conducted upon systems of uniform excellence, and aiming at a uniformly high standard.

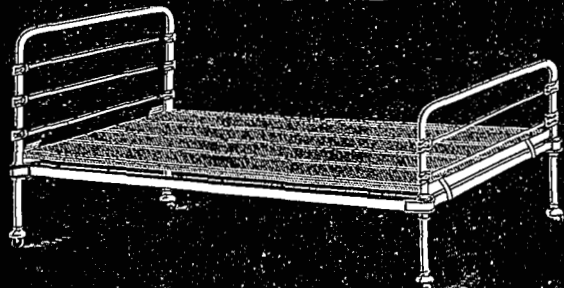
8. Unless the Corporation, if established, should be in a position to determine conclusively (which, having regard to the facts stated in the last paragraph, would be impossible) which Training Schools should be considered efficient, and which should be deemed to fall short of efficiency, and unless they should at the same time confine the Register to Nurses already upon the Registers of such Training Schools as should be held to be efficient (in which case the Register of the Corporation would be superfluous) the existence of such a Register as is contemplated by the Draft Charter, would, in the opinion of your Petitioners, necessarily lead to numbers of insufficiently trained and inferior Nurses being placed thereon side by side with and (in the eyes of the public) on the same footing as their highly-trained and thoroughly competent sisters. Thus the Register would be untrustworthy, and would

afford no protection either to the public or to any medical man who should be called upon to recommend a Nurse. At the same time an injury would be inflicted upon the best trained and most competent Nurses, the general standard of Nursing would be lowered, and there would be great danger that the incentives to advancement and improvement which at present exist, might be seriously impaired.

9. The untrustworthiness of the Register would, in the opinion of your Petitioners, be the more serious, because whatever basis of Registration the Corporation might take, they could not adequately or at all test the existence in any Nurse of the personal and moral qualities mentioned in paragraph 5 hereof. And your Petitioners desire to add that such untrustworthiness would be increased by the extreme difficulty of adequately revising the Register, and of removing the name of any person therefrom, except in case of gross misconduct.

10. Your Petitioners further submit that, inasmuch as most of the large Training Schools keep lists of the Nurses trained by them, and inasmuch as all requisite information with regard to such Nurses can at any time be obtained on application to such schools by any member of the public, or by any medical man wishing to engage

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JOHN SCOTT, Hon. Secretary.

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