

ciated with the nurses. But if your lordships think it right—it does seem to me a very small matter—to leave out the word “honorary,” and to make any members, whether “elected” or “admitted,” by the Association eligible for the General Council, I certainly should not object.

This concluded the public proceedings.

The decision of the Committee will in due course be submitted to Her Majesty, and will thereafter be made public.

The following is the complete “Case of the Petitioner,” as presented to the Privy Council:—

This is a Petition to Her Majesty in Council by Her Royal Highness Helena, Princess Christian of Schleswig Holstein, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland, as President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, for a grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the Petitioner and the Members of the said Association under the title of “The Royal British Nurses' Association.” A copy of the said Petition will be found in the Appendix (p. 9).

A Draft of the Charter of Incorporation for the grant whereof the said Petition was presented, was duly lodged at the Privy Council.

In the *London Gazette* of March 18th, 1892, a notice dated March 16th, 1892, was published from the Privy Council Office that the said Petition had been presented to Her Majesty in Council, and Her Majesty, having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, that all petitions for or against such Grant should be sent to the Privy Council Office on or before the 20th of April then next.

Pursuant to the said notice, Petitions against the grant of the said Charter were presented by—

- (1) The Council of the Nightingale Fund.
- (2) The Committee of the Westminster Training School and Home for Nurses.
- (3) Certain executive officers, members of the medical profession and others connected with Nurse Training Schools and Nursing Institutions.

The petitions of the Council of the Nightingale Fund, and of the officers and others connected with Nurse Training Schools and Nursing Institutions, besides stating the grounds on which the petitioners prayed that the said Charter might not be granted, prayed that the petitioners might be heard by Counsel in support of their petitions and be at liberty to produce evidence.

To the said petitions a detailed reply was, by direction of the Privy Council, sent on behalf of the Petitioner. In such reply the objections put forward in the petitions against the grant of the Charter, and the replies of the Petitioner thereto, are set forth in parallel columns.

A copy of the said reply will be found in the Appendix (p. 18).

Subsequently the solicitor of the Petitioner received from the Clerk of the Council a letter dated May 16th, 1892, informing him that the Lords of the Council would be prepared, on some day to be hereafter fixed, to hear Counsel for and against the grant of a Charter to the Royal British Nurses' Association, and requesting the said solicitor to lodge at the Privy Council Office, on or before a date named in the said letter, the Case of the Royal British Nurses' Association in support of their Petition.

Pursuant to the directions contained in the said letter, the Petitioner and the members of the Royal British Nurses Association submit the following

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