George the fifth by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas Evelyn Winifred Bliss, of No 13 Philbeach Gardens, Kensington, in the County of London, spinster, the Chairman of a Society or Company called “The Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses” (hereinafter referred to as ‘The Incorporated Society’), Lucy Marianne Robinson, of No 17 Priory Mansions, Drayton Gardens, in the same County, Spinster, one of the Founders of the Incorporated Society, and William Milligan, of No 12 John Street, Manchester, in the County of Lancaster, Knight, MD, the Chairman of another Society called “The Institute of Massage and Remedial Gymnastics” (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Institute’), and others of Our loving subjects, members of such Societies respectively, and others have by their Petition represented to Us:

i. That the Incorporated Society was founded in the year 1894 in order to raise the standard of Massage and to improve the professional position of women taking up that work; that in the year 1905 its advantages were extended to men; that Regulations were made for the training and for the examination of candidates, the granting of Certificates, and the keeping of a Register of Members; that arrangements were instituted for the delivering of lectures, the giving of demonstrations, and the providing of a reference Library; that an organisation was established to which members might apply for advice and help; and that the same Society was incorporated in the year 1900 under the then Companies’ Act, and by licence of Our Board of Trade without the addition of the word ‘Limited’.

ii. That the aggregate number of persons holding the Certificate of the Incorporated Society up to the end of March 1919 was 5,981, amongst whom are the leading Masseuses and Masseurs in the United Kingdom; and they all have been qualified to practise their profession by passing the Examinations prescribed by the said Society from whose Certificate-holders the Almeric Paget Military Massage Corps has been almost exclusively recruited, and whose Certificates have been recognised and accepted by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the War Office, the British Red Cross Society, Public Bodies, Members of the Medical Profession, and the Public generally and that the majority of persons holding the said Society’s Certificates are engaged in various Hospitals and elsewhere, under the supervision of the above-mentioned Authorities.

iii. That the Institute was founded and incorporated in the year 1916 under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, and by licence of Our Board of Trade without the addition of the word ‘Limited’, to improve the training and status of persons (both male and female) engaged in Massage, medical Gymnastics, Electrotherapy and Kindred subjects, and that its Members now number 89.

iv. That the said Societies, have been incorporated under licence by Our Board of Trade, and not being established for the purposes of gain, according to their respective Memoranda of Association no portion of their income and property could be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise, by way of profit to the Members, except as therein mentioned, but the Societies aim at improving the training and status and elevating the profession of persons engaged in Massage, Medical Gymnastics, and Electrotherapeutics, and Kindred methods of treatment, by imposing the attainment of a high degree of professional education and knowledge as a condition of membership, and by requiring the observance of strict rules of conduct on the part of their Members.

And whereas by their said Petition the Petitioners prayed that We would be graciously pleased in the exercise of Our Royal Prerogative, to grant to them a Charter of Incorporation in terms of the Draft hereunto annexed or such other terms as to us should seem proper.
And whereas it appears to us that it would tend to improve the status and public usefulness of the profession of persons practising treatment by Massage, Medical Gymnastics and Electricity if the prayer of the said petition were granted.

Now therefore We, having taken the said petition into Our Royal consideration, and being satisfied that the intentions of the Petitioners are laudable and deserving of encouragement, have constituted, erected and incorporated, and we, by Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial Grace and certain Knowledge and mere motion, by these presents for Us, and Our Royal Successors, do hereby grant, appoint, and declare as follows:

INCORPORATION

1. We do constitute, erect, and incorporate into one Body politic and corporate by the name of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy the said Evelyn Winifrede Bliss, Lucy Marianne Robinson and William Milligan, Knight, and such other persons as are by this Our Charter made or declared to be Members, or shall hereafter be admitted as Members thereof with perpetual succession and a common Seal, and with power to alter and renew the same at discretion, Willing and Ordaining that the said Body corporate (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Chartered Society’) shall, and may, sue and be sued in all Courts, and be capable in law to take and hold any personal property, and do all matters and things incidental or appertaining to a Body Corporate, but so that the Chartered Society shall apply its profits (if any), or other income, in promoting its objects, and shall not at anytime pay any dividends to its Members.

OBJECTS

2. The objects for which the Chartered Society is established and incorporated are:

   i. To improve the training, education and professional status of persons engaged in the practice of massage, medical gymnastics, electrotherapeutics or kindred methods of treatment and to foster and develop the use of these and kindred forms of treatment.

   ii. To promote for such persons a curriculum and a standard or standards of qualification.

   iii. To institute and conduct examinations in the practice of massage, medical gymnastics, electrotherapeutics or kindred forms of treatment and in the teaching of the practice of any such methods of treatment and to grant certificates of proficiency and diplomas to persons qualified to practise or to teach the practice of any such methods of treatment.

   iv. To make and maintain lists of persons whom the Council of the Chartered Society shall consider to be qualified to practise or to teach the practice of any such methods of treatment as aforesaid.

   v. To hold such examinations as aforesaid and to grant such certificates as aforesaid jointly with other bodies.

   vi. To take measures against any person who has never held a certificate or diploma of the Chartered Society or whose name has been removed from the list of the holders of any such certificates or diplomas to prevent such person claiming to possess or holding himself out as possessing a certificate or diploma of the Chartered Society.

   vii. To promote conferences, public meetings and lectures in connection with the general work of the Chartered Society.

   viii. To provide and maintain offices, lecture rooms and libraries with all requisite equipment.

   ix. To establish or aid in the establishment of club rooms for the use of Members.

   x. To publish a newspaper, journal, magazine, calendar and such other publications as the Chartered Society may think necessary or desirable to promote the object of the Chartered Society.
xi. To establish a bureau to which Members may apply for advice and help in professional matters.

xii. To found and maintain schemes alone or in conjunction with other bodies for the benefit of Members in the practice of their profession and in times of adversity, sickness and old age.

xiii. To do anything incidental to or conducive to the carrying out of the above objects or any of them.

VESTING OF PROPERTY
3. All property now belonging to, or held in trust for, the Incorporated Society or for the Institute shall from the date of these Presents vest in the Chartered Society.

MEMBERS
4. The Members of the Chartered Society shall consist of such of the persons who have been admitted to membership in accordance with the provision of the Bye-Laws of the Chartered Society for the time being in force (hereinafter called 'the Bye-Laws') otherwise than as Associates or Associate members as shall not have ceased to be members in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws. The Members shall have such rights and privileges and be liable to make such payments as may from time to time be prescribed by the Bye-laws.

5. If any person ceases, for any cause whatever, to be a Member of the Chartered Society, he shall not, nor shall his representative have, any interest in, or claim against, the funds of the property of the Chartered Society.

FELLOWS, ASSOCIATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY LISTS
6. Members of the Chartered Society may be appointed Fellows and a person so appointed shall so long as he or she remains a Member continue to enjoy all rights and privileges of membership together with all the other rights and privileges to which under the Bye-Laws Fellows may for the time being be entitled.

7. Members of the Chartered Society and other persons may be appointed Honorary Fellows of the Chartered Society and every person so appointed shall until he or she is removed from his position as such be entitled to such rights and privileges other than (in the case of persons who are not Members of the Chartered Society) the right to vote at meetings of the Chartered Society as may be prescribed by or in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

8. The Associates of the Chartered Society shall consist of such of the persons who have been admitted to be Associates or Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws for the time being in force as shall not have ceased to be Associates or Associate Members in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws. Associates shall not be Members of the Chartered Society but shall enjoy such privileges as may from time to time be prescribed by or in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws.

9. The conditions of the admission of Associates and the conditions on which persons so admitted shall cease to be Associates shall be prescribed by or in accordance with the Bye-Laws.

10. If any person ceases from any cause to be an Associate of the Chartered Society neither such Associate nor the personal representative of such an Associate shall have any interest in or claim against the funds of the property of the Chartered Society.

11. The Chartered Society may establish and maintain such Lists as the Council may from time to time determine, with the approval of the Privy Council, in accordance with the Bye-laws, of persons who have acquired prescribed experience and training in fields relating to the practice of massage, medical gymnastics, electrotherapeutics or kindred forms of treatment.

12. The conditions of entry on and of removal from any such Lists and the privileges of the persons whose names are for the time being entered thereon shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws.
13. The Affairs of the Chartered Society shall be managed by a Body to be called the Council, which shall be the Governing Body of the Chartered Society.

14. The Council shall consist of such number of persons possessing such qualifications who shall hold office for such period and shall retire therefrom in such rotation as may be prescribed by the Bye-Laws.

15. There shall be a Patron of the Chartered Society. On any vacancy occurring in the Office of Patron the Council may appoint a person willing to act as such to be the Patron of the Chartered Society.

16. The Chartered Society shall have such Honorary Officers as the Bye-Laws may prescribe and such Honorary Officers shall be appointed and removed and be entitled to such privileges as the Bye-Laws or the Council in pursuance of the Bye-Laws shall prescribe. The Bye-Laws may provide that all or any of the Honorary Officers shall be entitled to attend, or to attend and vote at meetings of the Council.

17. The Council may delegate any of their powers to Committees consisting of members of the Council, with or without any other persons not members of the Council, as the Council think fit. Any Committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any Bye-Laws or Rules that may, from time to time, be imposed on it by the Council.

18. The Council may at any time form branches and sub-branches consisting of Members practising or residing in particular areas. Every such branch or sub-branch shall be conducted in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Council in accordance with the Bye-Laws and may at any time be dissolved by the Council.

19. The Council may at any time form Boards to represent Members practising or residing in particular areas. Every such Board shall be conducted in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Council in accordance with the Bye-Laws and may at any time be dissolved by the Council.

20. At any General Meeting it shall be lawful for the Members of the Chartered Society, or such of them as shall be then present, to ordain and make such Bye-Laws as to them or the majority of them, shall seem proper for the regulation and good government of the Chartered Society, and of the Members and affairs thereof, and generally for carrying out the objects for which the Society is founded into full and complete effect; and the said Bye-Laws or any of them from time to time, to alter, change, or annul, as the said Members, or the majority of them shall think fit; so, nevertheless, that all and singular such Bye-Laws be reasonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the provision of these Presents or to the Laws and Statutes of our Realm, and that notice of intention to make, alter, change or annul any Bye-Law is given with the notice convening any General Meeting at which the same shall be done, but no such Bye-Laws shall come into force until approved by the Lords of the Privy Council, of which approval a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of the Council shall be conclusive evidence.

21. The Bye-Laws contained in the Schedule hereto shall be the Bye-Laws of the Chartered Society until altered, changed or annulled, in the manner hereinbefore provided.

22. In this Our Charter words importing the Masculine Gender shall include the Feminine Gender, and vice versa, and words in the Singular Number shall include the Plural, and in the Plural Number include the Singular.
Lastly we do by these Presents for Us and Our Royal Successors grant unto the Chartered Society hereby established, and their Successors, that these our Letters Patent, or the enrolment or exemplification thereof, shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient and effectual in Law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, and shall be taken, construed, and judged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the Chartered Society and their Successors as well in all Our Courts of Record as elsewhere by all and singular Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers, and other subjects whatsoever, of Us, Our Heirs, or Successors; any non-recital, mis-recital, or any other omission, imperfection, defect, matter, cause, or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof, in anywise notwithstanding.

The Council may, by resolution in that behalf, passed at any Meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting (being an absolute majority of the whole Council), and confirmed at a Meeting held not less than one month, nor more than four months afterwards, by a like majority, alter, amend, or add to this Our Charter, and such alteration, amendment, or addition, shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council, become effectual so that this, Our Charter shall thence forward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to this Our Charter, as altered, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

Moreover, we reserve to ourselves power from time to time to alter, or add to these presents by Supplemental Charter.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made patent.

Witness Ourself at Westminster, the ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord 1920, and in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King’s Sign Manual

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