

irreparable injury to their great Institution. He proposed, therefore, "That while adopting the Report of the Committee, this meeting desires to express its opinion that no uncertificated Probationer should be sent out to nurse a private case, and that no Nurse or Probationer should be withdrawn from the Wards to be sent to any private case."

Mr. HALL seconded the amendment, endorsing all that the proposer had said as to the injury it would do to the Hospital if such proceedings upon its part became known.

Dr. KENNEDY said he had been a Governor of the Hospital for forty years, but had never attended a Court before, because he thought that the interests of the Hospital were safe in the hands of the Committee. But he was distressed to think that this great Institution could be deceiving the sick in their hour of greatest need. He knew well that life often depended on the accuracy and knowledge and skill of a Nurse, and when a great Hospital like the London volunteered to send out Private Nurses, the public expected it would send out the best possible Nurses. He was certain no one would believe, unless they had heard the Committee admit it, that, instead of doing this, they sent out only half-trained pupils. He most strongly supported the amendment.

Mr. KROHNE said he had attended the last six Courts, at each of which this matter had been discussed with eloquence and ability by people who doubtless had the best intentions, but who were quite mistaken. And what struck him was, that not one of these clever speakers gave them a single case in which harm had been done by one of these Probationers to whom they so much objected. Until they knew that the present system did harm, why should it be altered? He only wished those who attacked the Committee would think of the vast work which the Hospital had to do. They were alarming the public, and so preventing the Committee getting the necessary funds, and the result to the East End of London might be a disastrous calamity.

Mr. ROBERT HUNTER said the only arguments in the last speech were that, because the London Hospital did a great deal of good, it could do no harm, and, because the Committee required great funds, no one must dare to criticise their management. He considered that such arguments would not hold water for a moment, and, indeed, that it showed the absolute weakness of the case of the Committee if this was the only reply which could be advanced against the clear and irrefutable arguments of Mr. Costelloe.

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