

forward a similar proposal at two previous Courts. Mr. Costelloe had so eloquently and concisely stated the position, that he would only now, as a medical man—who knew the life-and-death importance of good nursing, and who was anxious for the welfare of his Alma Mater, which was being imperilled by the system at present pursued, urge the Governors to pass this amendment, and put an end at once to proceedings which were dangerous to the public, detrimental to the Nurses, and destructive of good nursing in the Hospital. He was astounded to hear a speaker defend the system on the ground that no definite cases of injury to the sick had been quoted. Did he want an inquest or some public scandal to convince him that the system of supplying Probationers as thoroughly trained Nurses was radically wrong? Did he think the Committee were justified in taking the risk that these unexperienced pupils might perhaps do no harm on the ground that they had not yet heard of any accidents having occurred?

Father GORMAN said Dr. Fenwick and he worked together in the Hospital some ten years ago. Dr. Fenwick knew what it was then, and he knew how wonderfully improved it was now. (Dr. FENWICK: No.) At any rate, Dr. Fenwick never said a kind word for his old Hospital, but only words of blame of the Nurses.

Mr. COSTELLOE: Sir, I ask for your ruling: We are not discussing, I take it, a personal matter, are we?

The CHAIRMAN: No, certainly not.

Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK said he must emphatically contradict that inaccuracy of Father Gorman's. He knew perhaps more about Nurses than Father Gorman, and he had never said one word of blame of the Nurses. He had had London Hospital Nurses formerly for his patients, and had given them the highest commendation; but they were all "thoroughly trained."

Father GORMAN expressed his opinion that the Matron had done wonders in the London Hospital.

The CHAIRMAN regretted that all this matter should have been argued again. He thought it had all been so completely answered before, and he felt confident that all the Nurses sent out were thoroughly competent for their work, and some who were not quite so trained as others had been sent to patients in the country for the good of their health.

Mr. COSTELLOE pointed out that he attacked the system; he said nothing against the Nurses, who would doubtless do their best.

The Court then voted—when fourteen were for the amendment, and forty-one against.

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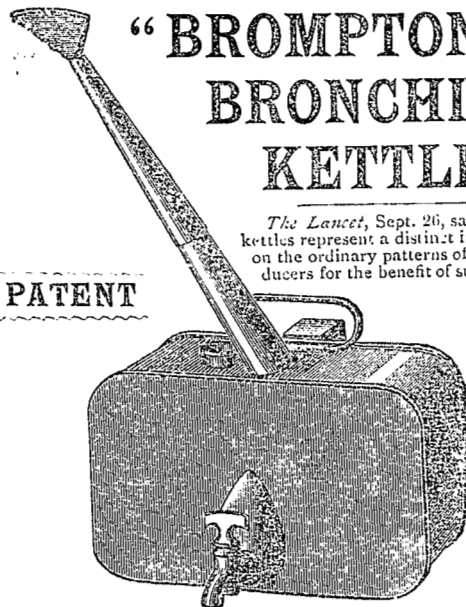


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