

amidst cheers, that five had gone to the Gibraltar Civil Hospital as Head Nurses, and two more in the same capacity to Hong-Kong.

Mr. J. N. MARTINEAU briefly seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. W. J. HUTTON informed the meeting that he had had a Nurse from the Hospital who was excellent in every way. He went at some length into details of his illness and that of various members of his household.

Mr. ROBERT HUNTER denied that any "attacks" had been made upon the Hospital. Various Governors had criticised the management, as they had every right to do, and as they intended to do until reforms were effected. He briefly recalled the history of these complaints, and said they would never have been brought before these Courts if the Committee would have listened to them privately and made the necessary reforms. Failing this, there was no other course open to them but to bring the matter before the public. The fact was the Committee did not realise their position. They were acting for themselves—they resented, therefore, any criticism upon their proceedings as an attack upon themselves. This was entirely a wrong view to take. They were elected by the Governors; they were responsible to the Governors; and any Governor had, therefore, a perfect right to protest against their proceedings if he chose to do so. If not, the whole constitution of the Hospital was a farce, and the Governors' Courts were simply to meet to obediently accept and ratify all that the Committee did, which was absurd both in law and common-sense.

This very question of the Nurse's holidays was a case in point. At the last Court, the Committee said they could not afford the expense of increasing the holidays, and they and their supporters voted against a resolution that they ought to be increased. But the moral effect of the vote was so good that the very next week they granted their Staff Nurses an extra week's holiday. If it was wrong for the Governors to ask this, why had the Committee granted it? If it was right, why had the Committee and their friends voted against it? Now the extra week was refused to the Probationers, who probably needed it more than the Staff Nurses. The Committee asserted that their figures and calculations were wrong. He asked them, then, to state to the Governors what they estimated would be the cost of giving these hard-worked women the holiday which other Hospitals gave them.

Mr. MURRAY IND said that all Mr. Hunter urged was based on theoretical ideas. The Committee were practically acquainted with the Hospital, and knew that the Probationers preferred the present arrangements, and that they were the best for the Institution. Mr. Ind referred to the statements made by *The Nursing Record*, *The Pall Mall Gazette*, and *The Star*, and stated that the Committee did not care at all what these papers said about them.

Mr. COSTELLOE (M.L.C.C.), amid much interruption, pointed out that the only way the Committee could silence the Governors would be by excluding them from the Court, and under their Charter he could not see how they could take that course. He said that the criticisms seemed to him perfectly fair;



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