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that Mr. Hunter had asked a perfectly reasonable question, and that the Committee were fencing with it. What would be the cost of giving Probationers an extra week's holiday? When they knew the Committee's estimate, he felt sure there were people who would be glad to come forward and help to defray the cost of giving this great boon to the overworked women in the London Hospital.

Mr. BUXTON: In answer to that remark, the Committee think it wiser to keep the long holiday of one month until the end of the two years, and, therefore, we do not look upon this question as a matter of expense.

Mr. COSTELLOE expressed his surprise that, if this were so, the objection of the Committee at the last Court should have been ostensibly based upon the expense of giving longer holidays Finally, he thought that sneers at important public papers, and the present policy of the Committee in meeting reasonable criticism as "attacks" would inevitably do their great Charity irreparable harm.

Rev J. F. KITTO, in a most lengthy speech, defended the Committee. He had worked in the Hospital and on the Committee twenty years ago, when everything in the way of nursing was very bad. He only knew of the Hospital now by hearsay, and everything in the way of nursing he knew was very good. He stated that there were two hundred and fifty on the Nursing Staff, and that that meant five Nurses to every twelve patients. In conclusion, he moved a vote of confidence in the Committee and in the officials of the Hospital Mr. BAILY and Mr. BURDETT rose together, and the Chairman called upon the latter.

Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT said that he put it to Mr. Hunter and his friends whether it was wise or necessary to insist on such trifling points as what training the Private Nurses hid, or what holidays the Probationers received. Such small matters as those should be contrasted with the enormous harm done to the Hospital by these criticisms Court after Court He appealed, therefore, to Mr. Hunter to exercise a sense of proportion, and let these continual criticisms over these unimportant details, cease.

Mr. BAILY again rose, but the CHAIRMAN asked the meeting whether it desired the discussion to continue? Mr. Hunter rose to order, and denied the right of the Chairman to apply the cloture at the Court of Governors. The CHAIRMAN, however, put it to the meeting and declared the closure curried. The Report was then put to the meeting, and then Mr. Kitto's vote of confidence, and both were adopted.

Some formal business was transacted, and the Court closed.

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