

the Sisters under whom Fisher worked, and there is not one word of truth in it. I have, on behalf of the House Committee, to thank Mr. Hunter and Dr. Fenwick for the terms in which they have spoken on this matter. We quite agree that it is the House Committee that should adjudicate upon these matters. If they are not capable of doing it, it lies with you at the end of the year to turn them out. As long as we are the House Committee and do right, we shall consider that we merit the confidence of the Governors (hear, hear).

Mr. MUNRO SCOTT said: As one who knew Dr. Anderson more than, perhaps, any one in this room, I desire to say that grand as the names are of those who have been our physicians and surgeons, I do not believe that a better and more noble man ever entered these doors than Dr. Anderson (hear, hear).

The CHAIRMAN: With regard to sending out Nurses to private cases, from the wards, it is occasionally done; but, as Mr. Hale said, so rarely that you might almost say not at all. To certain special cases it is occasionally done, and if you think of it it must be occasionally done. You have had reported to you that a ward of 53 patients was closed on account of scarlet fever. Is it not possible that the Nurses might be required to go outside and attend to certain urgent demands? I only wish to support what Mr. Hale has said about this Fisher case. It is a little bit unreasonable that a letter which has been cut from the NURSING RECORD should have been sent out so that the Committee which sat yesterday afternoon should not have seen it, and have had an opportunity of answering it; and again that it should have been sent out with such mis-statements as anybody who knows anything of what goes on here, will prove it to be absolutely unreliable from the first word at the beginning to the last word at the end. I think that Mr. Hale has not

strongly enough defended the action of the Committee in this matter, but perhaps it is sufficient for you. Gentlemen, if you have confidence in your Committee it is essential that you should support them, and not, as we have sometimes had, a disposition to weaken their hands and create a spirit of insubordination.

FATHER GORMAN said: I want to correct one little mistake Mr. Hale made in answer to a question put by Dr. Fenwick. The Sisters were not present in my remembrance when the Nurse was being examined. We were quite unanimous that it would not be desirable for the Matron or the Sisters to be present while the Nurse was here. We decided that we should ask the Matron what she had to say, and then the Probationer was called in. She said she would require two or three Sisters to speak for her. They were sent for, and contradicted her statements. After two hours' enquiry the Chairman asked the Probationer if she was satisfied she had had an impartial enquiry; and she said, "Absolutely, I am quite satisfied."

Mr. HUNTER: As far as my remarks went, I distinctly said I did not question the decision of the Committee at all. What I suggested was that some change in the system should be considered. I leave it to the House Committee, but I do think it would be convenient in cases of this kind that some written record taken at the time should be produced with reference to a Nurse's character.

The motion for the adoption of the report was then put to the meeting, and unanimously passed.

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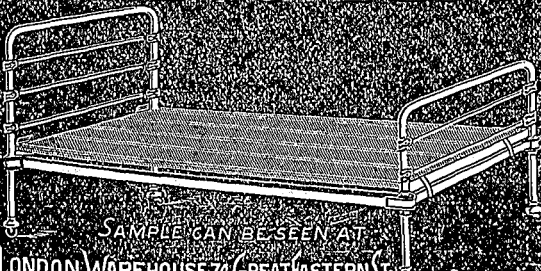
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