

THE Hamburg Hospital College has issued the following "Protocol" to the medical men and Nursing Sisters who volunteered their aid during the late cholera epidemic, and copies have been recently forwarded to the Misses KENEALY. "The Hospital College sends its warmest thanks to all the noble men and women who, when the cholera epidemic broke out with such deadly force at the end of August, 1892, hurried to us to aid in nursing the sick so untiringly, and with the greatest self-sacrifice. In the history of this time of suffering which was destined to come over Hamburg, the names of those will remain unforgotten, who, moved by pure love for humanity, so courageously brought us their help." It is beautifully printed on cream-coloured parchment, and will, no doubt, be highly prized by the recipients "in memoriam" of such troublous times.

S. G.

Another London Hospital Scandal.

To the Editor of the Nursing Record.

March 15th, 1893.

SIR,—In the NURSING RECORD of March 9th, 1893, I was astonished to read—in an apparently *verbatim* report of the proceedings at the Quarterly Court of Governors of the London Hospital—the very untruthful statements made publicly by the Chairman of that Institution. Those assertions were so absolutely untrue—I am furnished with such abundant proofs to show the truth of every word I have written in previous letters on the matter—that I wrote the following letter to the House Committee, and have just received the appended reply.

I confidently leave your readers to judge between the statements made by Mr. Hampton Hale and those made by

Yours faithfully,
MARY FISHER.

THE AVENUE, HORNSEY, N.

March 13th, 1893.

To the House Committee of the London Hospital.

GENTLEMEN,—On December 19th, I addressed a letter to you, complaining of the injustice to which I had been subjected in your Institution, and asking "to know definitely of what I am accused, to be allowed to face my accusers, and to

speaking in my own defence," or that I should be permitted "to complete my remaining five months in the service of the Hospital, and gain my Certificate." A curt acknowledgement of the receipt of my letter was the manner in which you considered it honourable to yourselves, and just to me, that my appeal to you should be answered.

In my letter I stated, as one amongst the many grave scandals constantly occurring in the London Hospital, the fact which I had myself witnessed, and protested against, that "a Probationer should have been sent every day, direct from erysipelas patients, in Blizard Ward, to assist in nursing a tracheotomy case in Isolation Ward, thus recklessly risking the child's life by the possible conveyance of the erysipelous poison to the open wound in its throat." At the Quarterly Court of Governors, held on March 1st, your Chairman, Mr. Hampton Hale, is reported in the NURSING RECORD to have spoken as follows, in reference to this matter:—"This is a serious charge, but I say here that there is not one word of truth in the charge. It is utterly false from beginning to end. It never has been done, and I hope and trust it never will be done. I call this a charge; the other I consider no charge at all. I say this is a charge against the administration of the Hospital. There is not one word of truth in it, and Probationer Fisher must have dreamed it."

There are only two possible terms by which your Chairman can be described, and, in either case, his fitness for the position he holds is now perfectly incontestable. If he had the most elementary knowledge of the London Hospital, he would be aware that it is the duty of Sister Blizard (Erysipelas Ward) to superintend the nursing of the patients in Isolation Ward (scarlet fever, diphtheria cases, &c.). The fact I stated is a notorious fact. Your Chairman admitted its seriousness, and in the face of that admission, I challenge you for the welfare of the sick poor, whose lives I contend are recklessly endangered by the present mismanagement, to hold an inquiry into the Nursing Department. I am prepared to produce at such an inquiry as many witnesses as you please to hear, to prove that my statement is absolutely true, and to prove besides a number of other equally scandalous facts.

Either your Chairman or I have told a deliberate lie. I, for my part, offer, and am anxious for an opportunity, to prove my words. But you will probably find that Mr. Hampton Hale will not exhibit a similar eagerness.

Your Chairman was, I further observe, asked at the Court of Governors, whether I was allowed

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