

to hear what was said against me, and to reply to it, when the Committee inquired into my case, and he replied, "Probationer Fisher was present with them (the Sisters). She heard all the questions that were put. She had leave to put any question to those Sisters she chose." That, as you are aware, is an absolute falsehood. You know that I was not allowed to be in the Committee-room when the Matron or the Sisters were there, and that I to this day do not know what I was charged with, nor the grounds given to you for my dismissal. I see that one of your colleagues (Father Gorman) felt compelled by his calling, at once, to correct your Chairman, and stated that "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." I am not surprised to observe that Mr. Hampton Hale did not apologise to the Court for his most misleading statement.

Your Chairman made another statement which I quote as throwing additional light on his strict veracity, or his accurate knowledge of what transpires in your Institution. "We on no occasion send Nurses out of the wards." This extraordinary statement was at once questioned, and Mr. Hampton Hale replied, "Well, it may have been done very rarely. Since my chairmanship began (*i.e.*, in December, 1892) I can say it has not been done." Several of the Governors actually appear to have believed this statement, but the Treasurer felt compelled to state, "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." As I write, I have before me a list of seventeen Probationers who, while working with me, were sent out from the wards to private cases, and these cannot be a tithe of the actual number sent out from the other wards, and of whom I would never hear. It is only another example of the same cruel indifference to the needs of the sick poor, which you permit in the London Hospital, that their attendants should be thus sent away from them to earn a profit of £1,700, last year, for the Institution.

Once more, Gentlemen, I demand a public inquiry into the management of the Nursing Department of the London Hospital, and especially into the truth—or otherwise—of the statements made by your Chairman publicly, to the Court of Governors, on March 1st. And I would point out that, now, your own reputation, and that of your

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Chairman, is at stake, in addition to the welfare of the patients and of the Nurses.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
MARY FISHER.

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LONDON HOSPITAL,
WHITECHAPEL ROAD, E.,
14th March, 1893.

MADAM,—I am directed by the House Committee to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., addressed to them, and, in reply, I beg to inform you that they have no intention of re-opening a question which has already been carefully decided on.

I am, yours faithfully,
G. Q. ROBERTS,
Miss FISHER. *House Governor.*

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