

separating the accidental from the essential which has stood him in such good stead in a thousand surgical operations; when he came forward and recognised at once through a haze of words and arguments and controversies, the two great essential principles that underlay this Association, the first of them being the principle that no woman should be entitled to ask for the confidence of the sick until she is worthy of it—applause; that no system of obtaining money under false pretences by sending out untrained women under the name of Nurses—(applause)—be permitted to continue; and that Nurses should no longer remain isolated individuals, unable to defend themselves against the pressure which might be brought to bear upon them from those whose one duty it was to be their friends and protectors. It was the recognition of these objects, of these features of our work, that brought Sir William Savory to our aid. I, who, in my humble way, have been concerned more or less with the business of this Association from its commencement—(applause)—have had many opportunities of seeing how valuable his help has been. (Applause.) Sir William Savory in all our controversies has proceeded upon the great principle of always taking the bull by the horns—(laughter)—and it is that principle which has given us the Royal Charter of which we are met to celebrate the granting. If I feel grateful to him, my gratitude, I am bound to say, is partly, at least, of that character which is said to be the most potent of all. I look confidently to him for favours to come. (Applause and laughter.) Sir William Savory's unflinching courage and unfailing sagacity will be of the same help to us in the future that they have been in the past, and they will help us also in the task which I have very much at heart—the task of enrolling within our Association all those trained Nurses who are worthy to enter it, and some few of whom—I fear, too many—are at present remaining outside of it on grounds which do more honour to their hearts than to their heads. (Hear, hear.) I have seen with pain that many admirable Nurses have been seduced by fidelity to those who have taught them, or to Institutions which have made them, what they are—have been seduced into forgetfulness of that larger fidelity which they owe to the great body to which they belong. (Hear, hear.) To such women I must apply the words of Tennyson, and say that “faith unfaithful kept them falsely true.” (Applause.) We trust that the time is approaching when they will see that their true interest, and their true duty, is to throw in their lot with their sisters—(applause)—and I trust that we shall be able, under the guidance of our chairman, to do something to smooth away any difficulties which may be in their path. Ladies and gentlemen, I have detained you too long. (“No, no.”) I have said at least enough, if anything indeed were needed, to justify this toast, and I call upon you to toast, with heart and voice, the health of Sir William Savory, the President. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN: I thank you with all my heart for this toast, my friend Mr. Brudenell-Carter, master alike of pen and tongue, for his generous and eloquent words, and you, ladies and gentlemen, for your cordial acceptance of them. The compliment of being allowed to occupy this chair this evening is one which I am not at all likely to forget. I am conscious of one only qualification for it, and that is a profound conviction of the righteousness of our cause. (Applause.) We are happy when the way of duty and the way of pleasure coincide, and to him who presides over a gathering of the Royal British Nurses' Association the path of duty and the path of pleasure are one. (Applause.)

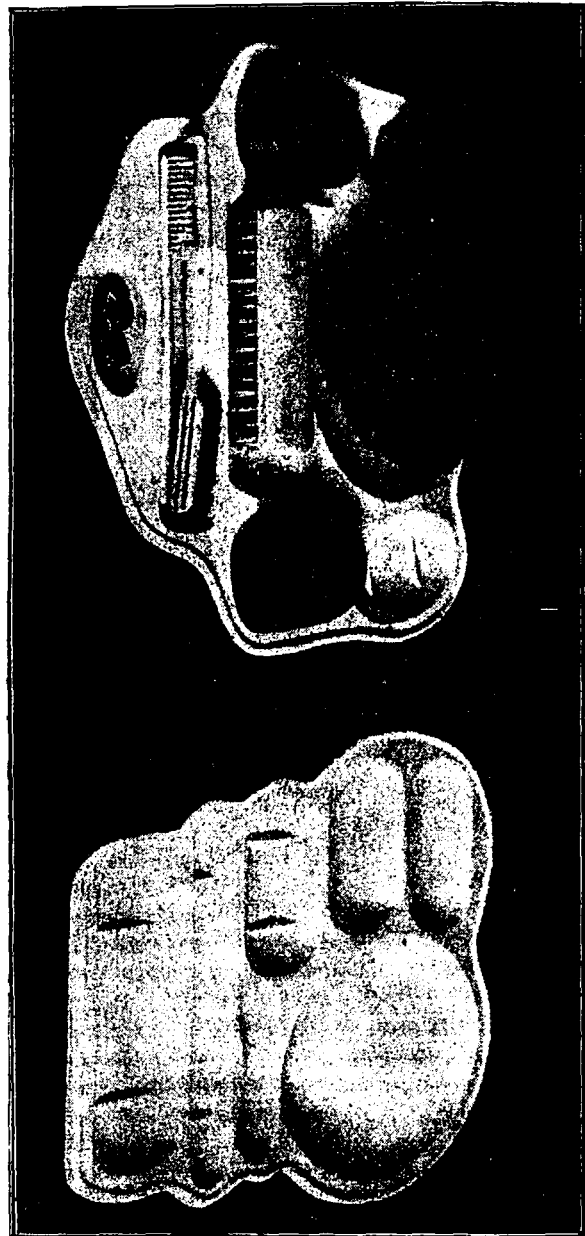
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