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Faulty Finance.

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The Committee of the Nurses' Co-operation, whose finance was adversely criticised by Sir Henry Burdett in the summer, may take heart of grace.

In accordance with recent anticipation the Committee of Investigation appointed in June last to inquire into the history and position of the Welsbach Incandescent Company, of which Sir Henry Burdett is Chairman, has issued its report, and a very scathing document it is. There is no beating about the bush, and no respecting of persons. The Committee go straight to the point with the opinion that the

"real responsibility for the excessive over-capitalization of the company must be shared in a great measure by the original board of the Welsbach Company, and more *especially by the chairman*, who

new preparations. etc.

THE DORIS COT.

The difficulty of obtaining a safe cot for a child is well known to all who have had any experience in this matter, for the sides are, as a rule, just high enough to invite adventurous spirits to clamber over them with disastrous, and sometimes dangerous, results. We have, therefore, much pleasure in directing attention to the Doris cot, in which this usual defect has been considered and avoided, and the sides are so high that it is almost impossible that they should be surmounted. Another advantage of this cot, which has been patented, is the ingenious slide which supports the side of the cot, which is readily and instantly fixed in position from the outside, but is impossible to unfasten from the inside, neither



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occupied a position of financial repute, and was naturally regarded as the sponsor for the value of the properties which the company acquired."

The report goes on to allege that the *accounts* have been badly kept in the past, and that in some instances pluralised salaries are enjoyed by the officials, and that in many cases the duties of officials overlap.

"In almost every department there is room for far-reaching economy and increased efficiency."

Regarding the board of management-

"In view of past dissensions and errors the present Board are incapable of conducting the affairs of the company with success."

and it is recommended that all its members be called upon to retire and a new board of five appointed; that a new manager of wide experience and administrative capacity be appointed, and that the whole staff be reorganized. can it be displaced by the most violent move-ment of the occupant. The accompanying illustration of the cot which we publish on this page will give a good idea of its appearance, but it should be inspected by Matrons of children's hospitals and by all who are thinking of purchasing a cot, for it appears to us to be the most satisfactory one we have yet seen. It may be had either with iron laths or with wire woven mattress, and at all prices and in all styles to suit every variety of purse, from the most sumptuous brass cot to the plain black one with brass knobs. It may be obtained through any of the leading furniture firms. If this cot were in general use we believe that many of the accidents which now take place would be avoided, and when one considers that a child may be injured for life by a fall on the head the Doris cot should commend itself to all.



