

## THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

A QUARTERLY Court of the Governors of the London Hospital was held on Wednesday, 2nd December, 1891, at one p.m., in the Committee Room of the Hospital.

Mr. J. H. BUXTON, Treasurer, took the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the House Committee Meetings for the past quarter were read by the Secretary. They detailed nothing of special Nursing importance, except that Nurse Amy Matthews had been very ill with diphtheria, and Nurse Duffield with typhoid, but both had happily recovered. Not one Nurse, apparently, had died during the whole quarter. One Nurse who had promised to come back on the Staff, afterwards declined to do so; and Nurse Prince resigned and left the Hospital, after working as a Staff Nurse for only four months. Miss Lorraine, a lady who apparently, had acted as Sister while only a Probationer, had been given some months' leave of absence.

The CHAIRMAN formally proposed, and it was seconded, that the Report be adopted.

Mr. ROBERT HUNTER asked whether any further steps had been taken in reference to the

scheme of improvements in the Nursing Department, which the Committee stated at the March Court was then under their consideration. He regretted having been prevented by illness from being present at the two last meetings, and asked for information.

Mr. BUXTON said he could not recollect what scheme Mr. Hunter referred to. The Committee were incessantly considering schemes for the improvement of the Hospital.

Mr. COSTELLOE (Member of the London County Council) said that the lack of initiative on the part of the authorities would compel Governors, present, to bring forward specific points in which improvements and reforms were absolutely necessary. He would take only one subject, that of sending out as Private Nurses women who were working as Probationers or learners in the Wards of the Hospital. The advertisement which appeared in the *Times* every day stated that "thoroughly trained Nurses could be had immediately by application to the Matron." Now, he understood that the London Hospital was much behind others in the length of the training it gives its pupils; and while most other large Hospitals thought three years necessary for a Nurse to learn her profession, the London Hospital undertook to impart the know-

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