

mittee of the House of Lords in corroboration of Miss YATMAN'S evidence concerning the London Hospital Scandals, or the repeated attempts to intimidate the members of the R.B.N.A. by alluding to them as "the scum of the Nursing profession," and twice insinuating that two of their members were thieves without a scrap of evidence to support the malicious attacks. After having flung abuse wholesale at the Nursing Staff of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, dubbing them 'traitors,' "querulous ingrates," creatures whose "thoughts were all for self," he has the sublime impertinence to appeal to their *lady-like loyalty!* in support of the gravest mismanagement which has been exposed within this century, north of the border. The truth is, Nurses are heartily sick of philanthropy *a la* Pumblechook!

THE *Pall Mall* is evidently of the same opinion: "We cannot congratulate the Hospital authorities on their latest champion. The 'Uncle Pumblechook of the Nursing world' continues to fill pages of *The Hospital* with bulletins of his own doughty deeds in quelling imaginary monsters. The latest bulletin is that *The Pall Mall Gazette* declines to join issue on the facts, and gives up the case it attempted to make against the Hos-

pitals.' We have no objection—quite the contrary—to Mr. BURDETT printing, in his own columns, letters to *The Pall Mall Gazette* which we have been obliged to exclude from ours, together with judicious selections from our criticisms on those of his letters which we were able to give. But we may remark, in passing, that what makes it necessary sometimes to decline Mr. BURDETT'S letters—as well as Mr. BURDETT'S invitations to discuss with him, on a side-issue, questions which on proper occasions we have fully discussed already—is simply his inability to refrain from misrepresenting and garbling what we say."

"It is not always, however, that Mr. BURDETT garbles with such childlike naïveté as in what professes (in the current *Hospital*) to be the '*ipsissima verba*,' of an article in *The Pall Mall Gazette* :—

"It is the year in which "More Hospital Scandals" has become a familiar heading in the press, and which has shown us a blind and fatal obscurantism on the part of Hospital officials [that is, *all* London Hospital officials].

The addition in brackets, at once confining the remark to 'London Hospitals,' and extending it to 'all' London Hospitals, is Mr. BURDETT'S own. The original remark was one made *en passant* in

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