

personal feelings towards "UNCLE PUMBLEHOOK," to know that we had never seen him before. But we recognised him at once, for when a gentleman referred to himself as "we, the Hospital authorities," when he repeatedly emphasised all the trouble and labour that "we, the Hospital authorities," had graciously taken on behalf of Nurses—his identity was manifest. Had there been any doubt, it would have been dispelled when he announced that the Co-operation was a body of independent Nurses, working for themselves, that it was a great success, and was paying its way, that there was a loss of about £50 on the year's working, and that he hoped some benevolent gentleman would send in a cheque for that amount. It is quite marvellous how "UNCLE PUMBLEHOOK" mixes business with benevolence, he undertaking the former, and requesting all and sundry to compound the latter part of the mixture.

BUT we caught our breath, and wished for our shorthand clerk, when Mr. BURDETT commenced to denounce Nurse-sweating. He waxed virtuously indignant on the subject, and roundly abused those who robbed the poor Nurse of her earnings. Finally, his "prophetic soul—my Uncle," saw Co-operation, like St. George, slaying

the Dragon of oppression and wrong. It was most touching and beautiful, but we found it difficult to realise that this same Mr. BURDETT is currently reported to attend each Quarterly Court of the London Hospital, and vote with the Committee against the Nurses' holidays being lengthened, and against the present Nurse-sweating at that Institution being stopped; while his paper, *The Hospital*, terms those Governors who protest against these abuses a "dangerous nuisance." We shall wait to hear how Mr. BURDETT votes at the next Quarterly Court before we judge of the real meaning of his denunciation of Nurse-sweating.

WE have been favoured with a *proof* copy of the Annual Report of the Co-operation, but there are such obvious mistakes in it that we deem it more fair to defer any criticism until we receive a finally corrected copy. Meanwhile, we would express our great pleasure at the measure of success which the scheme has already secured, and our hope that, in future, it will be even more successful.

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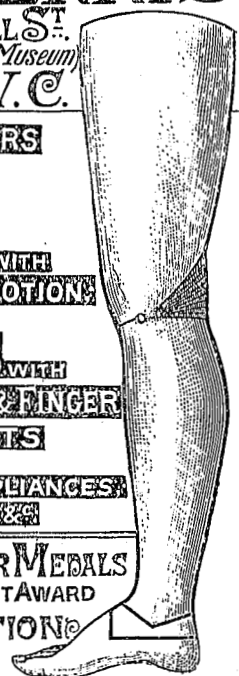


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