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THE LORDS' SELECT COMMITTEE.

THE investigation into the Nursing Department of the Westminster Hospital brought to light some facts which, we believe, were not, previously, generally known, either to the profession or to the public, and which, therefore, call for consideration in these columns. The witnesses examined upon behalf of the Hospital were Mr. QUENNELL (the Secretary), Miss PYNNE (the Matron), and Dr. ALLCHIN (the Dean of the Medical School). The chief point of interest to our readers in the evidence of the latter gentleman is that he did not refer to the Royal British Nurses' Association, or to the evidence given by Miss EVA LUCKES, as it had been generally expected he would have done. What is even more astonishing, in view of the terrible mortality which was proved to exist amongst the Nurses at the London Hospital, Dr. ALLCHIN went out of his way to state that at the Westminster Hospital only four Nurses had died in the last ten years. He doubtless was quite unaware that most Hospitals, with much larger Nursing Staffs, can show a smaller mortality than this.

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