

dependent Nurses who, having tasted freedom, protest against the authorities of such commercial Institutions as the London and King's, interfering with us in any way. We, as free agents, have chosen to combine, with the approval of our revered Queen and her beloved daughter, and with the help of many liberal-minded Matrons and Doctors, and are we to be intimidated by a set of shop-keepers who have lost their heads at finding themselves clothed with a "little brief authority"? Not so long as there is an ounce of pluck left amongst Englishwomen.—Yours, A BRITISH NURSE.

#### THE CONTROL OF NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—As another "Certificated Nurse," I shall be obliged if you will be kind enough to publish my letter, in which I wish most emphatically to deny the truth of the assertion now being circulated by those Hospital authorities who are opposing Registration of Trained Nurses—that they keep in touch and control us once we have left the Institutions over which they preside. I am a three years' Certificated Nurse, from a London Hospital, where I worked for four and a-half years, and which I left to nurse on my own account. The Matron under whom I trained has left; the Treasurer, of course, did not even know my name, although I believe a record of my work during probation was kept officially, which can be referred to. Since my resignation (five years

ago) I have been too busy to often visit the Hospital; and of my life the officials know nothing. Doubtless they have quite enough to do to control and look after the work of those Nurses in their service—for whom they are responsible—to wish to be responsible for the actions of a person over whom they have no control. The Chairmen of some Hospitals are going just a little too far when they begin to interfere with the liberty of action of women who have never even been under their control. This is a subject upon which I and many Nurses feel most keenly, and I do not doubt I shall not be your only correspondent upon this important matter.—I am, Sir, yours, &c., ANOTHER CERTIFICATED NURSE.

MRS. DUYCK.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—I am happy to inform you that success has come at last. I polled yesterday 225 votes, and brought forward 1,163 votes; total, 1,388. Please give my sincere thanks and gratitude to all my kind friends, and believe me, yours faithfully, SARAH DUYCK.

22, Lowden Road, Herne Hill, May 13th.

[Our readers who have taken so kindly an interest in this sad case, and so large a share in securing Nurse Duyck's election to a pension of the British Home for Incurables, will be glad to hear this news, and will join with us in congratulating Mrs. Duyck upon her long-hoped-for success.—ED.]

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