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November 6th, 1889.

To the Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Hospital.

SIR,—Fifteen years ago Dr. (now Sir Henry) Acland, President of the General Medical Council of the United Kingdom, suggested the advisability of the Registration of Trained Nurses and Midwives. Since then Nursing has become universally recognised as a skilled calling; the training to which Nurses are subjected in Hospitals, and the general usefulness of these workers have alike materially advanced; but to a large extent both these improvements are still nullified, so far as the public is concerned, because any woman—however ignorant of Nursing or Midwifery she may be—can without let or hindrance term herself a trained Nurse or Midwife, can obtain employment in private houses in either capacity, and by her ignorance bring about great danger to the sick, and discredit to the calling. At present, there is no possible means of preventing this evil, nor even of controlling Mid-

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