

## POLITICS AMONGST NURSES.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

MADAM,—The establishment of a Puzzled Propriety Corner has evidently met a want, to judge from the correspondence on the subject which has already appeared in the RECORD. I am somewhat in a dilemma, at present, from which I think some of the clear brains of your correspondents may be able to extricate me. I believe it is somewhat unusual for a member of the nursing profession to be an ardent advocate of Woman's Suffrage, and this I confess at the outset I am. Let not my fellow-nurses shrink from me in antipathy as a "blue" and a "frump." On the contrary, I am somewhat good-looking, am young, and by no means without admirers amongst the opposite sex. But all the same I am longing for a vote. And I want to know if it would be a breach of Nursing etiquette for me to take round a petition in favour of Woman's Suffrage in my female surgical ward? Is there any cause preventing a Nurse from interesting herself in politics? Might my action be regarded as un-nurse-like, and perhaps a little wanting in womanliness and tenderness to appeal to sick persons on a political question, especially as they might feel constrained from self-interest to meet my wishes and affix their names to a measure they might not only feel no interest in, but might even be opposed to? And still another question. On general principles, would it be likely to injure a private Nurse were she known to entertain political views? Any answers kindly given to the above questions will be a great boon to a

POLITICAL CHARGE NURSE.

Perhaps some of our readers will give their views on this question.—ED.]

## THE NURSES' COUNCIL.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR MADAM,—“Ostentation” is evidently well understood by the Nurse who signs herself “An Old Hand,” and

who so humbly informs us, “I shall more often take it upon myself to offer rather than to ask for advice.” “An Old Hand” seems to be capable, in her own opinion, of dealing with any amount of “Puzzled Nurses,” and setting them right. We may hope that, in the future, she will offer better advice than she has commenced with. To follow up the treatment she suggests for the cure of the “smoker,” would be to offer that individual a deliberate insult. The doctor must be very young indeed who would take such treatment from a Nurse. Surely there could be no great difficulty in telling the offender frankly, that his patient objected to the smell of tobacco, and it would be much the more lady-like course to pursue.—Yours faithfully,  
A. M. N

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 Comments and Replies.
 

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We much regret that in consequence of the pressure upon our space this week various communications of importance are unavoidably held over.

## REPLIES.

*Dr. Quine.*—Your letter shall appear next week, but we propose to omit the latter part as your suggestions were advanced without result in 1890, and the matter has since been undertaken and carried out successfully by the Royal British Nurses' Association, which last year obtained a Royal Charter of incorporation. You would be interested in reading the Register of Trained Nurses, which you can obtain (price 2/6) from the Secretary of the Association, 17, Old Cavendish Street, W.

*Miss Somerset.*—Many thanks. Your friend had better procure the Nursing Directory (price 5/-) from the Manager, 376, Strand, W.C. It gives all the information she needs about the Training Schools for Nurses in the United Kingdom.

## The Registered Nurses' Society.

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