

THE DANGER OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONTROL TO NURSES.—II.

N continuation of our remarks upon this subject, last week, it is necessary that Nurses should always remember that the great progress which has, during the last ten years, been accomplished in the Nursing world, has been chiefly due to the facts that the Nursing profession has been founded upon a purely professional basis, that means have been therefore taken to discriminate between those who have become qualified by education and experience, to carry out efficiently the duties incumbent upon skilled attendants upon the sick, and those who have had no such education or experience, and who are, in fact, amateurs or pretenders to the title of Trained Nurse. The commencement of this vital reform has been accomplished by the efforts of medical men and Nurses, alone, and it should always be remembered that this has been done in the face of enormous opposition from interested persons, outside the profession. Amongst the latter must be included many who formerly made large incomes by farming out private Nurses to the public, sending out to the sick, in this capacity, women ignorant of their duties, and in many cases destitute of character, paying these women small salaries on the ground that they were ignorant, but at the same time charg-ing the public for their worthless services at the current rate, as though they were skilled workers. All the progress which has been made

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