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### PROFESSIONAL CONTROL.

FROM time to time there arise vacancies on the administrative staffs of nursing societies, institutions and homes, and the duty devolves upon the committees concerned of appointing officers to fill these well-paid posts. The nurse members of such committees must see to it that such posts are filled by members of their own profession. 1. As a matter of justice to their colleagues. 2. Because no one can so well discharge the duties of such positions, which involve an intimate knowledge of professional details, as those who have a practical acquaintance with such details, who view the difficulties which arise in the conduct of business from the point of view of the expert, and who are able to extend to members who consult them the sympathetic understanding of fellow-workers rather than the patronage of outsiders.

We are led to make these remarks because we have observed the tendency, when trained nurses by their own efforts have made their societies successful, for outsiders to step in and to create paid appointments for themselves, or to bestow those which already exist upon their personal friends and dependants. This policy has been adopted by the medical clique which at present governs the Royal British Nurses'

Association. Hence we have the spectacle of the untrained secretary of this association issuing a patronizing pamphlet to the members of "our" profession and teaching them their duty. The only connection which Miss Leigh has with trained nurses is that she is indebted to them for her salary. Again, the secretary of the Chartered Nurses' Society, who has had neither secretarial nor nursing training, draws a handsome salary from the earnings of its members. We do not doubt that there are well educated and capable members of this nurses' society who would be glad to undertake the secretarial work and to perform it efficiently for the same sum. Lastly we hear *sub rosa* that, now that the members of the Nurses' Co-operation have made their society a great success, Sir Henry Burdett is anxious to take part in the control of its finances. These have so far been admirably managed by the committee upon which the members are well represented, and of which the paid officers have so far been trained nurses. Our advice to the members is to keep the management, as they have hitherto done, in their own hands, and we are of opinion that no post could be created for Sir Henry Burdett in connection with the financial department of this Society which could not be better filled by a trained nurse.

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