

forcibly before the Nurses with whom they have to work. There would then be less occasion for indignation on their part when questionable practices are exposed in the public Press.—I am, Sir, yours truly, A RADICAL MATRON.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—In your excellent annotation on "Hospital Promotion by Purchase," you are only alluding to another form of "Baksheesh." That it is possible for a Nurse to buy a Sistership in our Hospitals at the end of the nineteenth century is proof positive that these Institutions require modernising. The system of placing an inexperienced Nurse (or lady pupil) after a few months' training, in the responsible position of Sister-in-Charge of a Ward of thirty to sixty critical cases, simply because she has paid fifty guineas for her training, over the heads of experienced Nurses, is totally unjust. From personal experience, I know such gross injustice is productive of grave evils. Until St. Thomas's Hospital has organised its Nursing Department upon lines more congenial to the modern appreciation of right and justice, it must not resent a very large body of thoroughly-trained Nurses thinking and acting for themselves in professional matters. The day has gone by for dictation and absolute autocracy. Women of all classes think, and in many instances act, for themselves; why should Nurses be denied the liberty of thought and action claimed by working women all the world over? At the present epoch—with few brilliant exceptions—Nurses are classed, spoken of, and acted for, as if they were a flock of sheep, and not a large body of educated, thinking, working women. The folly and falsity of the whole situation is extreme. They must join this fund or that (do they not earn their wages, and therefore have they not a right to spend them as they choose?). They are forbidden to join this Association or that, they are disloyal if they read this

paper, or ungrateful if they do not subscribe to that. The truth is, the old order of things is passing away, and Nurses are claiming the right of liberty of thought and action, and it is only the obtuse who will continue to obstruct their path.—I remain, your obedient servant, A WOMAN.

DISTRICT NURSING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—May I invite through your columns, opinions on the subject of District Nursing? I should like to feel sure that those who are already providing Nurses for the poor in their own homes are satisfied with the results of their work. Do they find it meets a real demand? If so, what are the conditions which should be fulfilled by a case before it is undertaken? Is it found in practice that it is possible in nursing to adhere to any principle of relief? Is a really efficient and satisfactory co-operation with other medical relief agencies possible? What experiments have been made of nursing the poor at low fees, or of nursing in connection with provident dispensaries, or friendly societies, and with what result?

The subject seems to me one of great interest and importance. I confess that I have myself arrived at no definite conclusions, and I look forward to help in forming an opinion from those who may, I hope, be kind enough to answer this letter.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET A. SEWELL.


[We have much pleasure in opening our columns to a discussion of this important subject.—ED.]

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To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

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