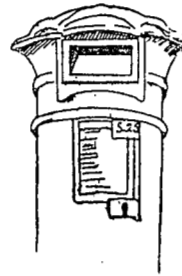


Committee, or of anyone. I shall enjoy saying to them what I have said to you; it is truth. This unreasoning terror of officialdom is quite incomprehensible to me. Your committee meets to-morrow. I shall present myself and conduct my own case, and you know you sympathise with me, so good day; and I make him a curtsey and depart."

Everyone grieves over the position of this good and kindly man. An old nurse who has been here twenty years, says it is impossible to believe he is the same man she knew in the past. Occupying the position of Superintendent of this grand old hospital, he made it synonymous with all that is best in the hospital world. Energetic, upright, honourable, he conducted the affairs of the institution with rare devotion to duty and wonderful success. This in the old Chairman's time; and then, one fatal day, a rich young tradesman became Chairman, a man brought up in a narrow Calvinistic sphere, an heir to wealth, a victim to flattery. The old Matron, a noble woman, married, and the present Matron was appointed. By slow and insidious degrees the old order of things changed, and the present régime gradually took its place. The very laws framed for the conduct of order and discipline, for the maintenance of the authority of the General Director, were permitted to lapse—more and more power was grasped by the Matron, until, to-day, she reigns an absolute autocrat, with despotic power over the Nurses—the dictator to the majority of weak and ignorant men who compose the Committee, and who having granted too much license are at a loss to know where to regasp authority, now that the pernicious system is becoming a public scandal and bringing the Hospital into the deepest disrepute. More anon.—Your loving

PHYLLIS.



## Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

### A CORRECTION.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—Permit to observe that owing to a printer's error the letter M, placed in my scheme of Hospital hours against the letters C, B, A, and D, respectively, should have been N (night), showing distribution of night work among the Section.—I am yours truly,

JUSTITIA.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

SIR,—As one of the selected candidates, although unsuccessful, for the office of Matron of the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, may I be permitted to express the opinion I formed of the general management of that Institution.

On arriving at the Infirmary, we were shown into the

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