

period of training"? What is to guide these compilers if there is no limit to the incompetence of those whose names they are willing to insert in their directory?

But with all my amazed interrogation I should be sorry to do Mr. H. C. Burdett an injustice. Perhaps, after all, with an enterprise characteristic of journalism, he—in his corporate capacity—is anxious to resuscitate, and float into popularity, the heaven-born Nurse of tradition—the Nurse who, as we all know, "was born and not made," and who was quite independent of "training" and scientific method in the art and craft of Nursing.

I love tradition, and I trust this is Mr. H. C. Burdett's intention, though it is hardly fair to the heaven-born Nurse not to mention it, nor does it appear to be on such "business-lines" as I, for example—a simple-minded Nurse—would have associated with "the city," not to have stated such an important fact on the prospectus.

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But the other is "stale, flat, and unprofitable," an "official" directory that is not official, of "Nurses" who may not be Nurses. And the trained Nurse will fight shy of such a list as would a soldier of an army list that placed his name side by side with that of camp-followers.

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Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Misses E. G. Bond, R. Birrell, E. Carr, T. Frith, G. Hopper, C. King, A. Newbould, J. Newman, S. Smith,

F. Smith, M. Tucker, M. Waterman, are thanked for their enclosures. The matter will be dealt with next week. The inevitable result will be the more speedy consummation of our ambition—the legal registration of Trained Nurses by Act of Parliament.

M. D. is thanked for his valuable letter, which shall appear next week.

Miss Dorothy Spender, Glasgow.—We should advise you to communicate with Sister Alicia, New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa. A change of Matrons is sure to make vacancies in the Nursing staff at the Kimberley Hospital.

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 K. Miss Henrietta Kenealey, Watford (with enclosure).
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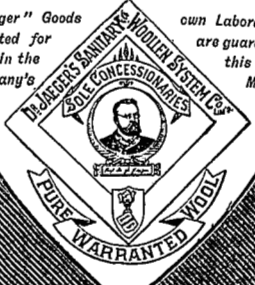
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