

position of authority over professional women by the issue of a publication of this responsible nature, as he can have no experience of professional nursing matters. One has but to glance through this publication to discover gross inaccuracies in many pages; and when it is recognized that large numbers of names appear in it, with qualifications attached, without the consent of the nurses themselves, and in consequence without any verification as to the correctness of the entry, the public danger of such a Directory becomes at once apparent. No sort of standard of training or education appears to be necessary for a woman to find herself classed officially by Sir Henry Burdett as a trained nurse. Probationers still in training in general and special hospitals, private nurses with one year's training, asylum attendants, monthly nurses, midwives, masseuses, nurses with two years' training and upwards, matrons trained and matrons untrained, are alphabetically hotch-patched together in column after column, and one distinctly realises the fact that the genus wardmaid has a very real ground of complaint that Sir Henry Burdett has not recognized her unique professional attainments in his monumental travesty of a "Directory."

Again, the glaring inaccuracies are both deplorable and show a careless disregard of the appreciation which trained nurses regard their professional status. For instance take the following entry:—

"Andrews, Maud (*née* Wisden), 12, Holles St., W., Priv. Nurse since 1891; Pro. Victoria Hosp. for Children, 1884 to 1885; St. Bart.'s Hosp. (cert. 3 years' training) May 1885 to May 1888; Staff Nurse do. to Sept. 1888; Night Supt. do. to Jan. 1890; Sister do. to May 1891; Reg. M.R.B.N.A." Now Mrs. Andrews informs us this statement has been published without her consent, therefore we imagine it has been concocted from the Register of Trained Nurses (a dangerous source from which to crib information, now that the Honorary Officers have elected that the Registrar shall be relieved from correcting that publication annually). Mrs. Andrews has never been engaged in private nursing. She married in 1891, and retired from professional work until 1896, when she became the Lady Superintendent of Gordon House Home Hospital—a position she now holds.

Miss Ellie Bristow is entered as:—"Bristow, Eliza, 12, Holles St., Private Nurse since March, 1896."

Miss Bristow has never been engaged in Private Nursing—but has held since May, 1896, the position of Sister of Gordon House Home Hospital.

We have been consulted by nurses whose names have been placed in this Directory by Sir Henry Burdett as to what course they can pursue in order to protect themselves, and we advise those ladies who justly feel themselves injured by having their names, with incorrect statements concerning their professional qualifications, thus placed in a book with women who are not *trained nurses*, to demand through their solicitors that the entry concerning them shall be blotted out of the present issue of this unofficial publication, and that no entry concerning them shall appear without their permission in any future issue.

We would only add our grateful thanks to Sir Henry Burdett for having supplied us with an invaluable and most potent argument for the need of legislation to protect the public against not only untrained nurses, but also against a dangerous, because misleading, Directory, containing names of "Nurses" who are not trained nurses.

Appointments.

MISS MARY BELLAMY has been appointed Matron of the Bridgwater Infirmary. After some nursing experience, Miss Bellamy was trained and certificated at the Bridgwater Infirmary, and promoted to the position of Sister, so that she has had the great advantage of working under the supervision of Mrs. Okell, the retiring Matron, since 1893. Miss Bellamy is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

MISS ISABEL BARBER has been appointed Superintendent Nurse of the East Grinstead Isolation Hospital. Miss Barber was trained at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, and has held the positions of Sister at the Clinical Hospital, Manchester, the Bolton Infirmary, and the Blackburn Infirmary.

WE understand that Nurse Fearn, who has been so successful as the parish nurse of Dunnichen for the last four or five years, has received an appointment to a hospital in the Sandwich Islands.

New Inventions, Preparations, etc.

THE season is rapidly approaching when the question of suitable presents for one's friends becomes a most difficult problem. It is, however, safe to assume that by selecting perfumery for our Christmas offerings, pleasure will always be afforded, more especially if the quality is good. Of all flowers, perhaps the modest and sweetly-scented violet is the most popular, for, whenever these flowers are obtainable, they always find a ready sale. After careful trial of a number of different preparations we have come to the conclusion that Mülhen's "Rhine Violets" is as dainty and delicious a perfume as one can desire, either for personal use or for a present. But should the old-fashioned Eau de Cologne be preferred, Mülhen's 4711 Eau de Cologne is, without doubt, one of the finest preparations to be had. It is obtainable from all dealers in perfumery, or direct from the London dépôt, 62, New Bond Street; it is inexpensive, being only 2s. 3d. the bottle, or a case of six bottles can be bought for 12s. 6d. The Mülhen's Rhine Violets is equally moderate in cost; viz., from 3s. per bottle, especially when the strength and, therefore, the lasting effect of the perfume is remembered.



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