

"—, Napier Hosp., New Zealand, Pro. since Dec., 1895."
 "—, Cottage Hosp., Willesden, Pro. since Feb., 1896."
 "—, Berrywood Asylum, Northampton, Asst. Nurse since July, 1893."
 "—, Hospital for Incurables, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Pro. since June, 1896."
 "—, National Eye and Ear Hosp., Dublin, Asst. Nurse since Oct., 1895."
 "—, County Asylum, Rainhill, Lancs., Nurse since March, 1896."
 "—, Gen. Inf., Chester, Pro. since 1895."
 "—, Bremcote, Blackburn Pk., Didsbury, Lady Pupil, Guy's Hosp., since Ap., 1895."
 "—, Cottage Hosp., Goole, Yorks., Pro. since April, 1896."

We have quoted enough to prove our contention that Sir Henry Burdett's Directory constitutes a public danger, especially when we take into consideration the extreme inaccuracies in statements made concerning the thoroughly trained nurses he has entered without consent. Amongst ladies we know, we find that of Miss Susan E. Antrobus, the Superior of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses, it is stated that she has been engaged in Private Nursing since 1875, and that she was a Private Nurse from 1872-75 at the Nurses' Home, Carlisle. The fact is Miss Antrobus was Lady Superintendent of the Nurses' Home, Carlisle, during that period, and has not been engaged in private nursing since 1875.

Again, Miss Sarah Hunt is entered, "5, Bentinck St., Cavendish Sq., W., Priv. Nurse since 1891; Pro., Inf., Bolton, 1888-89; WARD MAID, St. Bart.'s Hosp., Aug., 1889, to March, 1891; Staff Nurse, Gordon House Home Hosp., to 1891; reg. M.R.B.N.A."

To state that Miss Sarah Hunt was a ward maid at St. Bartholomew's Hospital is calculated to do a very serious professional injury to a lady holding a position of responsibility. A correct entry of Miss Hunt's nursing career is as follows, to quote from the *Nursing Directory* for 1898, edited by the Matron's Council:—

"Hunt, Sarah, 5, Bentinck St., W., Registered Nurse, 1891; Bolton Inf. (Pro.), 1888-89; St. Bartholomew's Hospital (Special Pro.), in 1889-90; Gordon House Home Hosp., (Staff Nurse) 1890-93; Priv. Nurse, 1893; Member Registered Nurses' Soc., 1894-95; Lady Supt., Home Hosp., 5, Bentinck St., 1896-98. Memb. Roy. Brit. Nurses' Assoc."

We can only hope that for the sake of the protection of her colleagues, Miss Hunt will demand an explanation from Sir Henry Burdett of the official source of his information, describing her as having been a WARD MAID in the service of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Indeed, the flagrant inaccuracy apparent in nearly every page of this publication reflects very little credit upon the "Small Committee of Medical

men and Matrons" who have "covered" Sir Henry Burdett in his mischievous meddling with the professional affairs of trained nurses.

There is a lining of silver to every cloud, and Burdett's Directory will do one service to the public by proving, as it conclusively does, that many private nursing institutions still send out women who have only had one year's hospital training and experience as "trained nurses." We shall refer to this subject in an early issue, meanwhile, no doubt, the managers of the institutions in question—who still maintain this obsolete standard of training—will be sincerely grateful to Sir Henry Burdett for exposing the "poverty of the land."

Our American Letter.

VISITING NURSING.

(By our Special Correspondent.)

ON nursing affairs in the United States, the continued experimentation with "short-time" nursing, or visiting nursing among people of moderate means—not the poor—is the newest feature at present, and while it seems yet too soon to decide as to its real place in nursing work, it is probable that before long it will have passed beyond the experimental stage and stand among the certainties in one way or another. Since the appearance of Miss Kimber's paper on the subject a couple of years ago, individual nurses, here and there, have taken it up and worked it out with more or less success. The Associated Registry of Brooklyn was the first to provide for this class of cases, as described in Miss Merritt's paper, published in this and in other nursing journals, and this winter the Bellevue Graduates' Registry announces that nurses will respond to such calls, the rates being one dollar an hour and fifty cents for subsequent hours. These two registries simply plan to supply calls for work of this kind from among nurses on the list who are waiting for regular cases. But, in Baltimore, the Johns Hopkins Alumnae, which has been spoken of before as probably the most homogenous and certainly one of the most enterprising of nurses' associations, has taken up this subject in a characteristically serious and thorough-going fashion.

The Johns Hopkins graduates propose to systematize short time nursing as a piece of work, under the auspices of the Alumnae, believing that in Baltimore, which is a large city, having less of the extremes of wealth and poverty, and more of a fairly well-to-do class, than many others, there will be, when people have grown accustomed to it, a considerable demand for the services of a visiting nurse. The rates to be charged will be lower than New York prices, the whole scale of living being much less expensive. For this winter's experimental stage, two nurses have volunteered their whole time to the work, and others have promised portions of time. It is believed that before very long the income from this source will be sufficient to provide salaries for the number of nurses required to meet the demands. For the present, or until it shall become self-supporting, the Alumnae asks

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