

Miss Kathleen Lucretia Burleigh.

MISS BURLEIGH, the original of the accompanying portrait, is, as most of our readers are aware, the Matron of the Fountain Fever Hospital, one of the later hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, at Tooting Graveney. Miss Burleigh is Irish by nationality, but has lived for the greater part of her life in New Zealand, that "land of bright sunshine, pure air, and enfranchised women"; ultimately she came to this country, and in 1892 entered the nurse training school of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, gaining her

but in virtue of her nursing attainments—yet this is not all that is requisite. If she is to administer her department well she must have a knowledge of housekeeping, must know how to combine efficiency and economy, and how the quality of goods supplied to the institution can effectively be tested. For this section of her work her nursing training is little or no preparation, and, therefore, the knowledge obtained as Assistant to a Matron of experience is of the utmost value.

Miss Burleigh remained at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum until appointed to her present responsible position. She has proved



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certificate in 1895. In 1897 she was appointed Assistant Matron at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, where she remained for a year. The experience gained in the capacity of Assistant Matron is a very valuable one, and it is noteworthy that Committees are increasingly, and rightly, appointing to the position of Matron those who have held such positions. However expert as a nurse a candidate for the important post of Superintendent of Nurses may be—and it goes without saying that the Matron of a hospital should be the best nurse in the building, and command respect not only by reason of her official position,

her sense of the professional obligations entailed upon her as Matron of a large institution by becoming a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. She is also a member of the Provisional Committee appointed to organize the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, a most happy scheme recently inaugurated for uniting for mutual help and pleasure, the certificated nurses of "Bart's." The Committee of the League are to be congratulated on their efforts to supply a much needed link between the many nurses who are proud to claim this grand old hospital as their Alma Mater.

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