

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Romantic Adventure," Elinor Glyn.
- "The Grand Old Man," George A. Edinger and E. J. C. Neep.
- "Lord Kitchener," Arthur Hodges.
- "The Life of Edmund Campion," Evelyn Waugh.
- "The American Ideal," Arthur Bryant.

FICTION.

- "The Duke is Served," Philip Lindsay.
- "Enchanting Wilderness," Hans Toltens.
- "Where Nothing Ever Happens," Lee Shippey.
- "Let the King Beware," Honoré Morrow.
- "Moon over Stamboul," Anne Duffield.
- "All Star Cast," Naomi Royde Smith.
- "The Last Enemy," L. A. G. Strong.

HISTORY.

- "Education Before Verdun," Arnold Zweig.

TRAVEL.

- "The Gentle Savage," Richard Wyndham.
- "Father Allan's Island," Amy Murray.

COMING EVENTS.

July 16th.—Annual Memorial Service for Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, St. John's Church, Smith Square, Westminster. Preacher: The Right Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London. 1.30 p.m.

July 17th.—Bristol Royal Infirmary. Opening of the Sisters' Hostel and new Balconies for Patients by Her Grace The Duchess of Beaufort. 3 p.m. Garden Party and Nurses Reunion. 3 to 7 p.m.

July 18th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting. 39, Portland Place, W. 2.30 p.m.

July 24th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 20, Portland Place, W. 2.30 p.m.

July 29th.—Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service Tennis Tournament at the Officers' Tennis Courts, Royal Air Force, Uxbridge. 2.30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

*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.*

"FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE IS DEAD."

DEAR EDITOR,—When the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London in his Address to the International Nursing Students at Bedford College on June 26th spoke the words: "Florence Nightingale is Dead," and inferred therefore that her genius has perished in the grave, I longed to rise and refute his material teaching; but may I offer a protest through the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING?

In the grave with its simple inscription at East Wellow the beautiful body through which Florence Nightingale breathed and had her being for 90 years in this world, may now be dust, but who that has through reverence or love come into touch with her flaming spirit believes for a moment that "Florence Nightingale is dead." Certainly not those of us who are helping to build a world-wide Memorial in her honour for the benefit of mankind through the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. The sacred dust is at Wellow, but the divinity of her mental and spiritual inspiration and teaching is gloriously alive and irrefutable—based as it is on the natural law—and will stand the test of all time.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET BREAY.

A DAMAGING STATEMENT.

A prominent nurse in South Africa sends us a cutting from a Cape Town paper containing a report by its correspondent of an interview with two of a party of nurses on their arrival to take up hospital work in Northern Rhodesia.

It is as follows:—

Ten young women who have become bored with life in Great Britain arrived in the *Arundel Castle* to-day in search of adventure. They are trained nurses who have come out under a three years' contract with the Rhodesian Hospital authorities and they leave by train to-day for Bulawayo. Five of the girls come from Ireland, four from England and one from Scotland.

"I just got tired with things in England," one of the nurses told me. "It was a sense of great adventure that made me come out here. There are so few opportunities in England. There was no future—one just had to go on nursing, nursing, nursing. There is no scope there."

"I heard Rhodesia was a beautiful, vast country, and I decided to come out and see a fresh country."

GOT NO FURTHER.

Another nurse said that if she had stayed on she would have stuck in the hospital till the end of time. She had been in the same hospital for eight years and had got no further.

One nurse said that she had heard that in Rhodesia natives did all the hard work and nurses merely attended to the patients. "The pay is about the same as we get in England," she said, "and the work appeared to be more congenial. I also heard that nurses were able to mix socially with their patients during off duty hours. In England this is barred, and nurses fall more or less in the same category as domestic servants."

Our correspondent writes:

"I am venturing to forward to you a cutting from one of the South African papers recently brought to me, and venture to ask you to take some steps, if possible, to warn nurses coming to the Colonies against making such statements as those contained therein, which are likely to do their professional prestige a great deal of harm and give an entirely erroneous idea of things to people who are not experienced in conditions in other countries.

"The English nurse is particularly open to criticism in South Africa, and if authorities could be warned, or asked to warn nurses they engage to come out here, on this matter it would do a great deal of good, and, at any rate, stop a great deal of gossip and false impressions.

"I am asking you to take the matter up, as it certainly appears necessary to strike some definite blow in all directions where such things are likely to occur.

"The Rhodesian Nursing Service imports more nurses than any other body in South Africa, and this is the second instance of damaging statements being made in the press.

"I trust you will be able to do something in the matter."

[We sympathise warmly with our correspondent and have pleasure in giving publicity to her complaint. Fundamentally it would appear that the nurses who talked so garrulously to the press on setting foot in South Africa are not of the type who should be selected to uphold the honour either of their own profession or of Great Britain. It would be interesting to know who selected these nurses. It is time an expert professional body was appointed to do so.—ED.]

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