

Miss Daw is a member of the Council of our South Australian Branch and as such was instrumental in promoting the movement for State Registration in that State. She trained at the Adelaide Hospital and subsequently held the posts of Ward Sister and Assistant Matron there. She also did four years of active service with the Australian Nursing Service in France during the war. Subsequently she was appointed Matron of the Hospital and has seen and participated in many new developments there during her term of office. The training at the Adelaide is recognised as being of a very high standard and many of its nurses hold high positions in various branches of our profession. It is consequently a very popular training school, and, at least until quite recently, the largest general hospital in Australia, accommodating as it does about six hundred patients. It supplies clinical material for a very fine school of medicine and the doctors of South Australia have shown an interest in the evolution of nursing and nursing education that, Miss Daw informs us, has been most helpful in the development of her School of Nursing. But it is not only the popularity of its matron and the efficiency of the hospital as a training school that brings competition for admission to its staff, Adelaide hospital is beautifully situated in what has often been described as "The Garden City of the South" and sometimes as "The Edinburgh of Australia" because of the high value that it placed upon culture and scientific study when the Island Continent was first developing as a part of the greatest Empire of modern times.



MISS LUCY DAW.
Matron, Adelaide Hospital, South Australia.

OBITUARY.

Miss Grace Anderson.

It was with feelings of deep sorrow that many members of the Association heard of the death of Miss Grace Anderson. For some considerable time we have had reason for anxiety about the condition of her health, but during the last few months her illness developed with great rapidity and was attended by much suffering, which she bore with wonderful fortitude and all along a determination to meet whatever was in store for her with true courage; there was always a welcome and a smile when the nurses visited her in hospital.

On her deathbed Miss Anderson said more than once that "her Association had been the best friend she had met in life," but she always discounted what it owed to her. When first we commenced the effort to build up a Co-operation in connection with the Association she joined this. A few years later, and after doing some war service, Miss Anderson called at our office in Orchard Street at a time when the work there was extremely strenuous and when the great battle was in progress to obtain an Act for State Registration that would safeguard the professional

qualifications of the nurses and, as far as possible, freedom for professional evolution. She had seen how difficult it often was to cram, into the work of a day, all the correspondence that arose. We can well remember how she entered the office one morning, removed her hat and coat and announced in her abrupt, purposeful way: "Now I have decided to give something to my profession. I have arranged to stay in town and give a year's work at our office for nothing." And a very valuable and most helpful gift hers was. Later, when an unexpected sequence of events brought us to Queen's Gate, she came on the regular administrative staff for a year or two and her services were especially valuable in the administration of the Co-operation and in taking charge of the Club during the Secretary's absence.

What impressed one most in relation to Miss Anderson was her strong sense for truth. She expressed her views on any point under discussion with a directness that might not always be palatable, but she maintained her popularity

none the less. People well recognised her habit of saying what she thought as being free from personal feeling, taking it rather as evidence of her desire to follow always where she found justice and right. The ranks of those who helped us during years that were full of stress and unceasing effort, when we helped to make history by achieving legal status for the nurses, have grown very thin, and so all the more do we deplore the passing of this unselfish, efficient and professionally minded member of our Association, even if she preferred to do spade work behind

the scenes. If unostentatiously given, it was none the less—that work—something that has borne fruit in its own way for the nurses of another generation than her own. The Association owes an acknowledgment of her unselfishness, for finance was a vital problem indeed in those days, when she stepped in with her "gift" of an efficient brain, and conscientious work, for the space of a year.

GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Mrs. Temple Robins, Misses Dixon, Garland, Lindsay, McCash, Macdonagh, Ross, Treasure, Turner, flowers; Mrs. Alston and Miss Barclay flowers and sweets; Miss Vansittart, antique pedestal and pot; Miss Cutler, waste paper basket, cigarette tray.

FIXTURES.

On Friday, October 29th, at 3 p.m., we are to have a lecture on Dermatology from Dr. Dore, M.D., F.R.C.P., and on Friday, November 5th, the Ramblers are to visit the National Portrait Gallery. For particulars regarding the time and subject of the lecture there please apply to the Secretary.

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