

The School of Midwifery has continued to function and has had more patients and babies than any previous year. Six Nurses of the Methodist Dept. of the School sat for the exam. during the year and gained the midwifery diploma. Owing to the difficulties of travel for nurses of other places who wish to come for midwifery training, we have not had so many student midwives as we would like to have, but some of the senior student nurses doing their general training have been glad to get the experience and help out.

We do indeed pray that our loving and powerful Lord, "who has caused us to triumph," may through the activities of the School of Nursing "make manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in this place."

GLADYS E. STEPHENSON.

#### LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Mr. William Longworth, of Hove, a retired engineer, left £5,000 and the residue of his estate to Nurse Anne Conroy, S.R.N., if still in his service at the time of his death.

In recording this legacy, we congratulate Miss Conroy, whose name appears upon the State Register of Nurses, because almost invariably the recipients of legacies from patients are not Registered Nurses.

#### WHAT TO READ.

##### MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"In Napoleonic Days." Extracts from the private diary of Augusta, Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld. Selected and translated by H.R.H. The Princess Beatrice.

"The Prisoner of Laeken." Emile Cammaerts.

"In the Mill; a Chapter of Autobiography." John Masfield.

##### FICTION.

"Nor Perfumes Nor Wine." Charles Bonner.

"Go, Lovely Rose." Margaret Trouncer.

"The Cheat." Karel Capek.

"A Home in the Sun." Marjorie Warby.

"Presenting Moonshine." John Collier.

"One Foot in Heaven." Hartzell Spence.

"Bridal Wreath." Ray Dorien.

"London Lights were Shining." Robin Temple.

"Evil Under the Sun." Agatha Christie.

"The Fields of Paradise." Ralph Bates.

##### POETRY.

"The Ship of Death." D. H. Lawrence.

##### MISCELLANEOUS.

"Guilty Frenchmen." Cecil F. Melville.

"Looking for Trouble." Virginia Cowles.

"Carry on, London." Ritchie Calder.

"A Prophet at Home." Douglas Reed.

##### TRAVEL.

"Alaska Challenge." Ruth and Bill Albee.

#### TO YOUTH.

By SIR ROBERT VANSITTART.

This beautiful poem, which was published in the *Sunday Times* on June 22nd, will, we hope, be reprinted in leaflet form. It is addressed to "Friends of My Sons," with its refrain:

"Those that die young  
Are not those whom the gods love,  
But those who are misled."

Let us hope, now that the author is in the House of Lords and free from Official restraint, that his literary genius will be available for the world's redemption.

#### 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.*

#### A GREAT INSPIRATION.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO, U.S.A.

Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, *Editor*,  
THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING,  
19, Queen's Gate, London.

MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—

As you probably know, Miss Annie Goodrich has been with us for three months giving two courses in our advanced professional programme. It has been a great inspiration to us all.

While she was here your recent letter came to her and she was good enough to give it to us for our historical collection. We have a collection of books, papers and letters which has been named for Miss Helena McMillan, the first Principal of our school and we are very much pleased to have your letter to add to this collection and it means a great deal to us. You might also be interested in knowing that we have a History of Nursing group which we have had the privilege of naming for Miss Adelaide Nutting. This group is very much interested in the historical aspects of our profession.

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you our admiration of the splendid way in which the English nurses are carrying on under very difficult circumstances. We wish that there were some more tangible way in which our nurses could help yours. We hope that they know how we feel about the work they are doing. If there is any way that you can think of that we at Reserve can help, we hope that you will let us know.

We should be very pleased to hear from you if you wish to write to us.

Sincerely yours,

ANNE L. AUSTIN,

*Associate Professor of Nursing.*

[We have thanked Miss Anne L. Austin for her most kind letter. We published in our last issue excerpts from a letter received from Miss Annie Goodrich, Hon. President, I.C.N., realising how gratified the members of our National Council of Nurses would be to learn of her activities at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, and how greatly we all appreciate her sympathy and support in our war work. To Miss Anne L. Austin we also express thanks for her offer of help, and are interested to learn of the historical collection at the Western Reserve University. We shall hope to contribute a little gift at an early date.—  
ED.]

#### GREAT PLANS AFOOT TO AID BRITAIN.

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BABYLON, LONG ISLAND,  
NEW YORK, U.S.A.  
June 14, 1941.

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Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING,  
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DEAR MRS. FENWICK,

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for May arrived today, and each time it comes I am again amazed at the fortitude of the British people in being able to "carry on." I am relieved to know that your beautiful building was not more severely damaged. I recall my visit to the British College of Nurses in July, 1939, with great pleasure, and trust that before long I may have another. Kindly address

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