

## THE PASSING BELL.

MISS BEATRICE CUTLER, S.R.N.

It was with deep regret that we received intimation of the death of Miss Beatrice Cutler, which took place on August 4th after a comparatively short illness borne with a calm courage and a clear knowledge that she was on the last stage of her life's journey. A life rich in its content has been hers, for she sought to enter spheres of usefulness and opportunity throughout her professional career. She took her general training under Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who, as Miss Manson, was then the Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She also held the Diploma of the London Obstetrical Society. What she always regarded as the great adventure of her life was the pioneer work which she did in the administration and organisation of the Kasr-el-Aini Hospital in Cairo; she never ceased to take pleasure in the subsequent development of this great hospital in the East. On her return from Egypt, Miss Cutler became Matron of Much Wenlock Hospital, and in 1911 she went to St. Bartholomew's Hospital as Home Sister, and later was appointed Assistant Matron. She worked for the Belgian Red Cross during the last war, and she had the Mons Star, 1914-15, the British War Medal, 1914-18, and the Victory Medal, 1918. She also had the Médaille d'Argent de l'Assistance Publique, which she received from the hands of Monsieur Clemenceau himself. After her retirement Miss Cutler continued to take a keen and active interest in her profession. She had been since its inception a supporter of the movement for the Registration of Nurses by the State. At the time of her death she held the office of Nurse Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and she was Vice-President also of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. Her chief hobbies were collecting old English blue china, travel, and gardening. Perhaps the last was the source of greatest pleasure to her, and the Mecca of a walk through her garden was always the "talkative" little burn, at the end of the long garden path, with its banks of grass and wild flowers, in sharp contrast to the well-kept and artistically laid-out garden. Miss Cutler never ceased to be pleased that this restless water, which often overflowed its banks in storm, was within her own ground. The "spirit of the water" was a very real thing to her, and often she spoke of her love for "the little burn." And in these last days in the hospital where she received so much kindness from everyone, the garden came to console. Always were many of the well-loved flowers from it around her in abundance. The flowers and the green trees outside her window were a source of comfort indeed to the invalid. Here one could feel something of what philosophers have spoken of as the "morality" of nature, and the uplift that it brought must indeed have been consolation and a great source of comforting.

A beautiful little service took place in the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Less, and many old friends were present; the final service was at Golders Green. And so we said farewell to one who had stood staunchly by the professional ideals for the organisation of nursing which had emanated more than half a century ago from the great Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew fittingly enough, it must appear, to those who know the inspiration that brought it into being.—I. M.

### LET US PRAY.

O Thou, upon Whom the isles do wait, and in Whom is their trust, save this island and all the country in which we sojourn, from all affliction, peril, and necessity; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.—BISHOP ANDREWES (1555).

### TO ALL PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE OF BARBARA, AN ONLY CHILD.

We will remember you always, and Love shall stay our tears,  
No sorrow of ours shall darken those short and perfect years.  
That gay and fearless spirit, that voice so clear and sweet,  
Are nearer now than breathing, closer than hands or feet.

We are left in the shadows, but you play in the sun,  
Far from this world of sadness, from fear of plane or gun.  
Our gay and gallant darling, we are glad you will not see,  
How cruelly the powers of evil have hurt the brave and free.

Your's is the clearer vision, you will contented be,  
If we weave from past sweet happiness a shining memory.  
Life was a great adventure, and joy your heritage.  
For us alone the anguish that nothing can assuage.

"Suffer the little children and let them come to Me,"  
To be held in tender keeping for all Eternity.  
You walk in His green pastures, in the shining of His sun.  
God give to us the courage to say "Thy will be done."

H. TREVELYAN-THOMSON.

## WHAT TO READ.

### MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "MacArthur the Magnificent. Bole Considine.
- "A Modern De Quincey," an autobiography. Captain H. R. Robinson.
- "Thackeray." John W. Dodds.

### FICTION.

- "Blackout in Gretley." J. B. Priestley.
- "Out of This Furnace." Thomas Bell.
- "Marriage is a Private Affair." Judith Kelly.
- "The House of Shade." Michael Home.
- "Enter Three Witches." D. L. Murray.
- "The Three Bamboos." Robert Standish.
- "Let Them Prey." Simon Harvester.
- "Brief Darkness," Gladys Osborne Leonard.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Phoenix." H. G. Wells.
- "Parents Revolt." Richard and Mary Titmuss. Preface by Beatrice Webb.
- "Covering All Fronts." Ralph Ingersoll.
- "People Under Hitler." Wallace Penel.
- "The Last Enemy." Richard Hillary.

### NEW SCOTTISH PUBLICATION.

A new 39-page booklet "The Hospital Treatment of Burns," price 9d., has just been issued by the Department of Health for Scotland, and contains a summary of the vast literature on the treatment of burns, tested by experiment and observation, and now produced in compact form by the committee of medical experts appointed by the Department for the purpose.

The new memorandum—successor to "The First-Aid Treatment of Burns," will, it is thought, prove of immense value to the medical and nursing professions, particularly in view of the rapid development of knowledge concerning the treatment of burns which has been gathered recently. In a foreword, Dr. A. Davidson, the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health, states that the composition of the committee, the obvious care and consideration given to the subject, the lucid exposition of the various problems, and the excellence of the diagrams will guarantee the general acceptance of the memorandum by all concerned with the treatment of burns in hospital.

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