

THE PASSING BELL.

MISS A. M. BUSHBY, S.R.N.

The death of Miss Alice Mary Bushby, S.R.N., which took place at Cowes, Isle of Wight, on Sunday, October 15th, will arouse sorrow and sincere regret amongst a very wide circle of colleagues and friends. As she directed, she was cremated and her dust scattered.

Alice Mary Bushby, aged 78, had enjoyed a very active professional life. She received her training at the East London Hospital, Shadwell, and at King's College Hospital. When she retired, she had been Matron of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, for twenty years and during her years of office there, had done much for the development of nursing in the hospital. A pioneer of the evolution of the nursing of sick children, for ten years, she represented the interests of children's hospitals on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

When the British College of Nurses was formed and endowed in 1926, Miss Bushby became an early member supporting its policy of professional self-determination of nurses. She served several terms as a member of its Council, and took a very active part in the organisation of the History of Nursing Section, which, under her direction, acquired very valuable possessions. Especially was she interested in the acquisition of letters and memorials of Florence Nightingale, of which she had unique knowledge which she shared with the late Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital and Superintendent of the Nightingale School, which owes her gratitude.

Indeed Miss Bushby held her profession in very high esteem and strongly deplored the de-grading of basic standards through the Nurses Act 1943.

Of late months, Miss Bushby endured much suffering with the utmost courage, and much as they will miss her, friends are satisfied that she should be at rest.

MISS RACHEL ANNIE COX-DAVIES, C.B.E., R.R.C.

The death of Miss Annie Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., took place on October 30th, at 20, Abbey Road, N.W., where she had been an invalid for many months. Requiem Mass was attended by friends at St. Alban's Chapel, Baldwin's Gardens, Holborn, on the following Friday, and the interment took place at Newport, Mon., on the following day.

Miss Cox-Davies, who was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E., was, later, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, and took an active part in nursing organisation as a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales and as Hon. Secretary of the Association of Hospital Matrons.

SISTER NORAH MATTHEWS, S.R.N., T.A.N.S.

We regret to announce the death of Sister Norah Matthews, S.R.N., T.A.N.S., at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, after an operation.

She was trained at Heaton General Hospital, South Shields, 1914-18, and after much valuable civic work, was called up for Military Service in September, 1939.

ROYAL ALEXANDRA INFIRMARY, PAISLEY.

The Nurses' League.

The Winter Reunion of the Nurses' League of the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, will be held on Saturday, November 25th, at 3 p.m.

All members of the League will be welcomed, and the Secretary will be glad if she can be notified of possible attendance by November 18th.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "The Berkeleys of Berkeley Square." Bernard Falk.
- "E. M. Foster." Lionel Trilling.
- "Norfolk Portraits." R. W. Ketton-Cremer.

FICTION.

- "Man's Favorite." Lewis Cox.
- "Listening Valley." D. E. Stevenson.
- "The Black Venus." Rhys Davies.
- "Dark Nights." Thomas Burke.
- "The Bachelor." Stella Gibbons.
- "Till Death do us Part." John Dickson Carr.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Down Oxford St." Ralph L. Finn.
- "Assignment: U.S.A." Selden Menefee.
- "I Want to be Happy." Ann Stafford.
- "British Red Cross." Dermot Morrah.
- "The W.A.A.F. in Action." Published in collaboration with the Air Ministry.
- "The Broken Branch." Keith Campbell.
- "Things Past." Michael Sadlier.
- "The American Problem." D. W. Brogan.
- "Poland: Land of the White Eagle." Eileen A. Arthurton.

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.

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DEAR EDITOR,—THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has come, and I want to send you at once our most sincere thanks for the help which you have given to our funds and to the needs of our work. To have given us this long notice on the first page is most generous as no one opening the Journal can fail to know of the medical and welfare work which the Grenfell Mission is doing in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland.

We always receive many orders from the readers of your Journal and we are confident this will be more than ever the case this year.

We thank you most warmly for the help you have so generously given to our Association.

Yours sincerely,

K. SPALDING, *Hon. Secretary.*

Little Stories.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—May I submit a little story for THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I have a fine old grandmother, who has helped in many ways in this terrible war. Always well dressed, we have been greatly distressed that she absolutely refuses to buy new necessities, such as hats, coats, shoes—and goes about looking terribly shabby, and fixes a steely eye on our smart stockings and other extravagancies which somehow most women cannot resist. One day recently she received a letter from an unknown prisoner in Germany, which she waved in our faces.

"Very Generous Madam,—It may gratify you to know your generous gifts of food have kept several of our boys from partial starvation. We are most grateful for permitting us to eat your hats, coats, shoes and stockings for the past three years. They are indeed much more digestible than you would imagine.—Ever gratefully, Yours ———"

As you can imagine we young women feel somewhat crushed.—R.N.S.

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