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Territorial Army Nursing Service.

Sister Miss H. B. Wills, S.R.N., has died in the Middle East, where she served from early in 1941.

Mrs. Clara Rogers, S.R.N., S.C.M., has died at Shenley after a long illness. She was mobilised for service in 1941.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "The Life of Robert Browning." W. Hall Griffin.
- "Seven Archbishops." Sidney Dark.
- "The Poisoned Crown." Hugh Kingsmill.
- "Cardinal Hinsley." John C. Heeman.

FICTION.

- "Cloudless May." Storm Jameson.
- "The Valley of Decision." Marcia Davenport.
- "Indigo." Christine Weston.
- "Laura." Vera Caspary.
- "The Rock and the Wind." Vivien Bretherton.
- "The Weight of the Evidence." Michael Innes.
- "Young Lady Randolph." Rene Kraus.
- "La-Di-Da." B. Montague Scott.
- "Queens Harbour." Elizabeth Ford.
- "Flower of the Flat." J. B. Salmond.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Great Days." Charles Graves.
- "Who are the People?" Colm Brogan.
- "Modern Britain, 1870-1939." D. C. Somervell.
- "The Heart of Jade." Salvador De Madaliaga.
- "What Australia Has Done." H. C. Smart, C.B.E.
- "Dark Symphony." Elizabeth Laura Adams.
- "Canada in World Affairs." Robert MacGregor Dawson.

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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Glasgow, S.W.2.
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THE PASSING OF A GREAT PIONEER.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM OR MY DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

We have read and heard much of Mrs. Strong's wonderful life for the profession of nursing. She carried the Nightingale tradition to Scotland, and was an eloquent exponent and shining example of its inspiration.

I heard from her own lips a witty and spirited account

of her determined efforts for better conditions, and it was from a money point of view, a sacrifice to return to the Royal Infirmary.

What a triumph, and what an opportunity, which she grasped with both hands!

Mrs. Strong always passed on the glory of initiating a preliminary training school to Sir William MacEwen. If so, he found a kindred spirit and ideal apostle.

What has troubled and astonished many of us who hailed her championship and humbly followed in her steps is the complete ignoring of "The Scottish Nurses' Association," so dear to her heart. Side by side with your own battle in England, Mrs. Strong organised a powerful body of opinion among nurses and in the medical profession in favour of State Registration. I felt it an honour to be one of the early members. Being trained in a provincial hospital I could see that such legislation would mean raising the standard of nursing all over the country.

Mrs. Strong was not deflected from her great purpose when the idea began to gain ground, even among its first opponents, and a Scottish Register was mooted. She was all for a Single Postal Examination for the whole country, and would, I feel sure, have liked the Dominions to share.

Our Scottish leader was an Englishwoman, and possessed to the full the spirit of compromise and magnanimity of her native land, but we should like emphasis to be put on her courageous and unwavering fight for the dignity and rights of the nurse.

Yours sincerely, and always gratefully,

JANE C. COWIE.

(We have no doubt the work and memory of Mrs. Strong will be kept green by those who value her courageous initiative.—ED.)

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Suppression of Truth Injurious.

A Student Nurse writes: "May I suggest that the British College of Nurses, Ltd., should issue a short leaflet on the History of Nursing in so far as it constitutes Nursing as a Profession. We are not instructed on this matter since the demand for legal status was advanced in 1887 by the group of matrons and doctors who worked for State Registration and won it for us. Our Sister Tutor in teaching Nursing History never alludes to the 'Thirty Years' War,' and the Victory in 1919. This is not only unfair but most injurious to our interests, as if the majority of student nurses had not been systematically kept in abysmal ignorance concerning nursing politics, the de-grading Act passed last year would never have become law. Such a leaflet would be invaluable, and make us realise our professional duty, as everything which arouses conscience must elevate our standards of duty to the sick."

(We heartily agree with this Student Nurse's opinion. The matter will receive consideration. We learn this Student Nurse owes her knowledge to the pamphlet demanding "Justice for Registered Nurses," issued by the British College of Nurses Ltd. last year.—ED.)

(As we go to press, we have received a most interesting letter from Miss May Ashton, of Mount Lawley, S. Australia, from which we shall quote in our next issue. It is well for us to realise how warmly we are held in mind by our colleagues in the great Australian Continent at this time of strain.—ED.)

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