

**EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN IN INDIA.**

The emancipation of Hindu women is slowly but surely taking place in India, and we must hope will make for their happiness.

A measure for the emancipation of Hindu women has now been passed into law by the Central Legislative Assembly.

It gives a Hindu wife the right to obtain a court order against her husband for separate residence and maintenance on grounds of cruelty, desertion, concubinage, remarriage, or the husband's conversion to another religion.

**THE BRITISH SAILORS' SOCIETY.**

Do we realise how much we owe to our brave Merchant Seamen, upon whom so much depends for our national prosperity?

Over 6,500 Library Cabinets are travelling the Seven Seas today, and replacement volumes are most earnestly needed. The British Sailors' Society can buy these fresh from the publishers at 5s. each.

Collecting boxes can be obtained, for that purpose, from the B.S.S. Guild, 203, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.7. where any donations will be gratefully received.

Let us spare what we can to help provide books for the leisure hours of the men who risk so much for us.

**THANKS TO THE DEAR ANIMALS.**

We are glad to note that Mrs. Attlee recently attended a dinner-dance in aid of Our Dumb Friends League at the Dorchester Hotel.

We have observed no expressions of thanks to the dear animals for all they have done for us in helping to win the war; the horses first, of course, taking part in battle and transport at the front, carrying our coal and logs, and setting an example of devotion to duty. Magnificent mules have also taken part in war, and our domestic dogs, cats and birds have been of the greatest comfort and example to humanity.

**THE EARTH IS YOURS.**

"Come on now, all you young men, all over the world. You are needed more than ever now to fill the gap of a generation shorn by the war. You have not an hour to lose. You must take your places in life's fighting line: Twenty to twenty-five—these are the years! Don't be content with things as they are. The earth is yours, and the fullness thereof."—WINSTON CHURCHILL.

**WHAT TO READ.****MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.**

"Allenby: Soldier and Statesman." F.M. Viscount Wavell.

"African Portraits—Rhodes, Kruger and Lobengula."

"Caroline Fox." Wilson Harris.

"Ouma Smuts: The First Lady of South Africa." Tom Macdonald.

**FICTION.**

"The White Tower." James Ramsey Ullmar.

"Innocents of Paris." Gilbert Cesbron.

"Three Fevers." Leo Walmsley.

"The Roaring Nineties." Katharine Susannah Prichard.

"Pink Silk Alibi." Bruce Sanders.

"Looking for a Blue Bird." Joseph Wechsberg.

"My Love Must Wait." Ernestine Hill.

"The Dark Forest." Ethel Mannin.

"Love Sees Clearly." Diana Ridley.

"The Glory of Elsie Silver." Louis Golding.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

"Quest for Situ." Maurice Collis.

"When the Fortress was Smashed." Brig. J.G. Smyth, V.C.

"New Teaching for a New Age." A. H. T. Glover.

**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.*

**KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENTS.****Everything Harder in the Nursing World from a Matron.**

This station is on the Gulf, and it is a long way from home, and I feel I am getting old for all this moving about now.

Everything gets harder in the Nursing World, as most of the younger members of the profession these days are "getters" (for themselves) and the "givers" are so few. A selfish age, it is hard on those who have to cope with them and endeavour to get a good standard. My whole effort seems to be always "keeping up the standard," a most thankless task, I fear, being the "big bad wolf"!

Still, without making the effort, one would be very unhappy. Things are so changed from my "pro." days.

I am glad that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING circulation is on the increase. Dr. E. Hadley's article interested me in January's issue, and I think the question of assistant nurses is a most difficult one. All domestic help seems to be at a premium everywhere, and to divorce all domestic routine jobs from actual nursing would need a much greater quota of domestic helpers than would appear to be available in these difficult days. A "hospital helper" would seem to me to be a useful new name for the older term—wardmaid—and sound more attractive.

To-day work must be made to *sound* attractive, and there seems to be a stigma attached to the word "maid."

A national service of hospital helpers might be envisaged for the future for all hospitals.

Please forgive me if I make suggestions; they have probably been made before, as there is nothing really new.

With my very best wishes to you all at Queen's Gate.

**Fighting Fund for Freedom.**

We advise you to get into touch with the "Fighting Fund for Freedom," 1, Dover Street, London, W.1. The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. B. M. Young will, we feel sure, give you helpful information. It is no use grumbling and standing aside. We find the majority of nurses disinclined to take action, and so long as they stand aside, when their standards are attacked the lower and lower they roll. Registered Nurses running Assistant Nurses *for gain* are traitors to professional efficiency and stability.

**More Patriotism Needed.**

"A Scottish Nurse" writes: "Why are we so timorous? It is high time we forgot just our personal advantage and united to do our public duty. Many of our best nurses are going to England, hoping to obtain higher salaries and better positions. This is very unfair on our dear old Scotland."

**The I.C.N. Congress.**

We have received many inquiries re the I.C.N. Congress, to be held in U.S.A., next year. Arrangements are not yet organised—as to travel and cost. This will be done in September when, no doubt, a detailed scheme will be available. We are glad to hear many organisations hope to finance a delegate, and the British College of Nurses Ltd., intends to help to finance those of sound principles and with courage to advocate them.

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