

## Correspondence.

*To the Editors ' Journal of Mental Science '.*

SIRS,—In the obituary notice of Dr. William McDougall in your July issue I note the statement by Dr. T. S. Good (p. 617) that " he was appointed to D Block, Netley, where to the best of my belief he was rather discouraged with the treatment of cases sent there from the Front ". As I was at Netley Hospital during the time McDougall was there, I desire to correct this statement. He was not in any way associated with the treatment of cases at D Block, which was quite apart from the hospital proper, and reserved for the more severe psychotic cases. McDougall had charge of wards in B Division of the Hospital, devoted to milder cases of war psychosis, for the treatment of which he was entirely responsible. For a time I also had wards in B Division and saw a good deal of McDougall. He was extremely interested in the patients under his care and devoted himself entirely to them. He was insistent on the carrying out of every form of laboratory research possible where his own patients were concerned, and neglected nothing, psychologically or otherwise, which he considered might help towards recovery. During the later period of his stay at Netley he frequently observed to me: " Medicine has nothing to learn from psychology, nor psychology from medicine ".

At " Cavehurst ",  
Robertsbridge,  
Sussex ;  
July 5, 1939.

I am, Sirs,  
Yours etc.,  
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