

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Autobiography. The Rt. Hon. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, P.C., M.P."
 "Cripps. A Portrait and a Prospect." Froom Tyler.
 "Christopher Columbus. Admiral of the Ocean Sea." S. E. Morison.
 "W. B. Yeats, 1865-1939." Joseph Hone.

FICTION.

- "Day of the Trumpet." David Cornel Dejong.
 "The World is a Bridge." J. Delves-Broughton.
 "No Shelter for the Heart." Dana Lyon.
 "Nobody's House." Emmeline Morrison.
 "Rain on Her Face." John Paddy Carstairs.
 "Aprons of Fingleaves." Dorothy Crisp.
 "Murder after the Blitz." Peter Piper.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "God Save the King: Its History and Its Romance." Percy A. Scholes.
 "Czechoslovakia Fights Back." Cecily Mackworth.
 "The United States: An Historical Sketch." E. A. Benians.
 "The Russian Land." George Borodin.
 "The Virgin Birth in History and Faith." Douglas Edwards.
 "First Poems." Sydney Ridgway.

"A SAILOR WRITES TO HIS M.P."

Have you read these letters? If not, they are very consoling. They are written by a Serving Admiral. We are apt to think that naval and military officers are not religious men. In this instance we are wrong. This officer writes:—

"I fear you will not find anything helpful here, I am not experienced in public call; I feel tremendously that regard for God is the biggest thing in every man's life to-day; sacrifice, together with a love for our neighbour, is one of the ways in which we live a God-governed life."

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.

A Demand for Justice for the State Registered Nurse.

We have to thank quite a number of Registered Nurses for their letters of appreciation of the Pamphlet issued by the British College of Nurses demanding "Justice for the State Registered Nurse," and for their promise of help in circulating it. Never has any body of self-supporting professional women been threatened with greater wrong, nor the use of their finances and property threatened with greater contempt by employers, political and otherwise, not one penny of which they have a right to use for their ulterior purposes. If the Government and the Royal College of Nursing intend to depreciate our work and status—let them stand out, and pay for the wrong they are attempting to inflict upon us and the sick poor.

"Sprinkle It Well Around."

A Former Matron writes: "What a good meeting it was on Thursday (General Meeting, B.C.N.), and how delighted everyone is with the Pamphlet. I think it is wonderful. In 'a Retrospect' how well it hits the wrong-doers, and they cannot refute one word of the facts therein. I am very proud to be able to help to sprinkle it well around.

The College looked better than ever, and the tea was wonderful."

[Every Registered Nurse must wake up and bring the Pamphlet to the notice of Ministers, Members of Parliament and the public.—ED.]

A Live-Wire Reports.

A *Live-Wire* reports: "Thank you for Pamphlets—they should illuminate the Nursing Question far and wide—this 'live wire' has invited the opinion of several friends. First, our solicitor, who is a family friend, and he tells me 'I have carefully studied your pages of propaganda and shall be pleased to instruct whoever wrote up your case as Counsel in the next important case I bring into Court. Joking apart, it is a very fine and convincing document.'"

Then I consulted our Vicar's wife. She is a very fine overworked little woman. She was all against de-grading, but felt sure the general public would support the 'Assistant Nurse' because she would be cheaper. She said the majority of people are so ignorant of the value of highly skilled nursing, that they prefer someone in the house who will take advice.

I argued that this is just what the semi-trained woman objects to do.

You know my old mother—she is delighted with the Pamphlet, but dismissed the subject with 'A plague on both your Houses.' She has no patience with the Registered Nurses she knows, because they lack the moral courage to stand firmly for what is right for the sick, in so far as the training of nurses is concerned. More anon."

"Our" Children in Danger.

An L.C.C. School Nursing Sister writes: "Your Editorial in this month's BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has indeed brought solace to my soul, and I wish to thank you wholeheartedly for writing it.

"It is excellent, and has been read with grateful enthusiasm by many members of the School Nursing Service.

"I have always been thankful that I was privileged to become a Fellow of the British College of Nurses, and that thankfulness increases with the years.

"Long may our College uphold the high ideals which you have set and ever have the courage to fight for."

[Should the fatal policy of de-grading nursing standards be enforced by any Government Department, the public will have to rise in their wrath and protect themselves. That the children in L.C.C. schools should be the first victims is a tragedy indeed. The ratepayers, however, have the remedy in their own hands—they must throw out de-graders.—ED.]

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways, Baulking the end half won for an instant dole of praise. Stand to your work and be wise—certain of sword and pen, Who are neither children nor gods, but men in a world of men.—Kipling, *England's Answer*.

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THE PRIZE COMPETITION.

We much regret no Paper of sufficient merit has been received for publication.

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR APRIL.

What bony deformities may occur in rickets? What steps can be taken to prevent them?

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