

## WHAT TO READ.

## BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

- "Anthony," by The Earl of Lytton.  
 "It was such Fun," Mrs. Hwfa Williams.  
 "The Bishop of London," Percy Colson.  
 "Kitty, Duchess of Queensberry," Violet Biddulph.  
 "Buckingham, 1592-1628," M. A. Gibb.  
 "Life and Loves of Marie Walewska," Count d'Ornano.

## FICTION.

- "Wanted a Son," Hazel Adair.  
 "Frost at Morning," Beatrice Kean Seymour.  
 "Gaudy Nights," Dorothy L. Sayers.

## HISTORY.

- "The Son of Marie Antoinette," Meade Minriegerode.  
 "Charles I and Cromwell," G. M. Young.  
 "Frederick the Great," F. J. P. Veale.

## COMING EVENTS.

*December 12th.*—Meeting at the Mansion House by invitation of the Lord Mayor in support of Red Cross work in Ethiopia, to meet His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E. 3 p.m.

*December 13th.*—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

*December 14th.*—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting 2.30 p.m. Celebration of Registration Day, 4.30 p.m. Address on "St. Brigid of Kildare," by Miss Isabel Macdonald, Vice-President, followed by the ceremony of cutting the Registration Cake.

*December 25th.*—Christmas Day. Hospital Festivities.

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*January 1st.*—New Year's Day.

## LAST WORD FOR 1935.

## Time's Cure.

Mourn, O rejoicing heart!  
 The hours are flying.  
 Each one some treasure takes,  
 Each one some blossom breaks,  
 And leaves it dying!  
 The chill dark night draws near,  
 The sun will soon depart,  
 And leave thee sighing;  
 Then mourn, rejoicing heart!  
 The hours are flying!  
 Rejoice, O grieving heart!  
 The hours fly fast.  
 With each some sorrow dies,  
 With each some shadow flies,  
 Until at last  
 The red dawn in the east  
 Bids weary night depart,  
 And pain is past;  
 Rejoice, then grieving heart,  
 The hours fly fast!

## THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.

One would fancy, '35,  
 That you gladly fell on sleep;  
 All the time you were alive  
 You'd a restless watch to keep!  
 Little Stranger, '36,  
 Be indulgent while you stay,  
 And don't leave us in a fix  
 When you have to go away!  
 C. B. M.

## 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 CHRISTMAS GIFT.

*To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.*

DEAR MADAM,—In *The Canadian Nurses' Journal* I see an original proposal which brings me comfort and settles some Christmas problems. It is suggested in the above-mentioned interesting periodical that its readers might give to their friends, as a Christmas present, a subscription to that Journal. The idea came rather as an inspiration just at the moment when I was looking ahead to consider whether there is something as useful and yet more original than the inevitable gloves, stockings or handkerchiefs. Why might not some of our English colleagues adopt a similar idea in connection with *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* and escape the struggles in shops and streets that are the fore-runners to the peace of Christmas? It would give pleasure throughout the whole year, for we can always look forward to such interesting and fascinating articles on so many subjects, and a Christmas present which arrives 12 times instead of once has something of companionship and remembrance about it. You will say it sounds like copying other folks' ideas, but imitation is the sincerest flattery and legitimate surely if we admit the source of our imitation. Anyhow, I hope you will put forward the suggestion, and I enclose the cost of three of my Christmas presents with my cards to go with the receipts.

I am, etc.,

AN ADMIRER OF CREATIVE JOURNALISM.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

*A Queen's Nurse* writes: "With much pleasure I enclose my subscription for such an excellent *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*; this professional paper is a real joy. Some day soon would you let us have a paper on "Colotomy," the procedure of operation, the nursing, diet, general management and complications which may arise? Thanking you in anticipation." [The Editor has complied with this request. See Prize Competition for January.]

*A Travelled Nurse* writes: "Presumably even war has its uses. When countries like Abyssinia, of which the majority of us know little, are in the news, we look them up on the map and learn geography. The map of that little-known country issued by *The Times*, price 3d., is printed in a handy form and is designed for convenience in following the course of events in the Italo-Abyssinian dispute."

The Editor begs to thank correspondents who have written to her on Nurses' Hours of Work in L.C.C. Hospitals, supporting the views of their colleagues which appeared last month. She feels sure publicity will have a beneficial result.

## THE PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret that no prize is awarded this month, but a paper on Eclampsia, written by Miss Dorothy M. Dickinson, M.B.C.N., will appear in our issue for January, 1936.

## PRIZE COMPETITION FOR JANUARY, 1936.

Describe the procedure of operation for Colotomy, the nursing, diet, general management, and complications which may arise.

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