

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "The King and His Dominion Governors." Hon. Mr. Justice Evatt.
 "The Hundred Years." Philip Guedella.
 "Our Queen Mothers." Elizabeth Villiers.
 "Arthur James Balfour, First Earl of Balfour, K.G., O.M., F.R.S." Blanche E. Dugdale.
 "From a Surgeon's Journal, 1915-1918." Harvey Cushing.
 "Walls Have Mouths." Macartney.

FICTION.

- "Seven." Rom Landau.
 "Europa." Robert Briffault.
 "Fair Company." Doris Leslie.
 "The Rolling Years." Agnes Sligh Turnbull.
 "No Hero—This." Warwick Deeping.
 "The Snare of the Fowler." Gerald Bullett.
 "Under Moscow Skies." Maurice Hindus.
 "The Ramparts of Virtue." John Brophy.
 "Go Down Moses." Paul Wogan.
 "The Doctor." Mary Roberts Rinehart.

TRAVEL.

- "Around the World in Eleven Years." Patience, Richard and John Abbe.
 "The Making of Modern Turkey." Sir Harry Luke.
 "Unknown Karakoram." R. C. F. Schormberg.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER.

- October 21st.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of the Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.
 October 22nd.—Conference convened by the Royal Sanitary Institute, Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Minister of Health, presiding, to consider the new Midwives Act and its operation. Central Hall, Westminster. 2.30 p.m.
 October 24th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.
 October 24th.—Urgency Cases Hospital. Eighteenth Annual Dinner. Canuto's Restaurant, 88, Baker Street, London, W.1. 6.45 for 7 o'clock.

NOVEMBER.

- November 3rd.—The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. Opening of Winter Session. Tea, 4.15 p.m. Short Address on "The Nursing of the Chronic Sick," by Miss M. G. Allbutt, F.B.C.N. 5 p.m.
 November 18th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

URGENCY CASES HOSPITAL.

We are asked to announce that the eighteenth annual dinner (Bar-le-Duc—Revigny, 1915-1918) will take place on Saturday, 24th October, 1936, at Canuto's Restaurant, 88, Baker Street, London, W.1. (Entrance in Paddington Street) at 6.45 for 7 o'clock.

Dinner tickets at 7s. 6d. (exclusive of wine) and all information, may be obtained from Mr. A. H. Lloyd, The Dell, Whiteman's Green, Cuckfield, Sussex.

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.

THE PARRATT STRETCHER.

To the Editor THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Dear Madam,—May I return many thanks for copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, re the Parratt Stretcher

and the use it was to a Dutch seaman with a fractured pelvis. I have since designed a better one, which carries its own back-rest, ideal for heart cases, etc., apart from the fact that patients can enjoy the scenery while travelling along in the train or an ambulance. Also at the foot of the stretcher is a sliding panel, by means of which it can be extended in cases of very tall patients, and it is ideal as a complete fracture bed. I have personally used it for many serious cases, when patients have been too ill to be taken by road.

My one ambition is to test it in any passenger air plane. I am confident of its success, if I could only get the opportunity for it.

Trusting one day, some one may help me to realize my ambition,

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

THOS. PARRATT.

P.S.—I have enclosed one of my circulars of a small service I have tried to start in Taunton.

11, Whitehall,

Station Road, Taunton.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

The Teaching of Dietetics.

A *Sister Tutor* writes: "As institutions for the teaching of Dietetics are constantly being advertised, may I urge my colleagues to take advice from their organisations as to their stability before paying high fees (up to £50 in some instances) for a course of tuition which may, or may not be worth while—indeed I know of nurses who have been thoroughly misled."

Nurses first, Superintendents second.

Cosmopolitan writes: "I am recently from Canada where I studied as far as possible nursing problems. I was deeply impressed with the group of leaders there—nurses first—and superintendents second. It is good news so many of these fine women are to be in London for the I.C.N. Congress next year. They have much to teach us."

The Garden City of the South.

Miss McLean, Adelaide, writes: "This is the Centenary year of the State of South Australia, and it is amazing all that has been accomplished by our ancestors during a century. A hundred years ago on July 14th, this City was named Adelaide, after the then Queen, and is rightly termed to-day "The Garden City of the South." Best wishes for the College."

"THE PATIENT LOOKS AT THE HOSPITAL."

We have received for review the book with the above title by Florence G. Fidler, which we are now reading, and a letter from the author in which she writes of it as "this little book of mine, which I know you will dislike very much." So far as we have read we do.

NOTICES.

In the notice of the career of Miss C. E. Nelson, M.B.C.N., published in our last issue, and who was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, it should be stated that she holds the housekeeping certificate of the West Herts Hospital, not of her training school. She holds the Diploma of Nursing of Leeds University.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Headquarters Address: 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.
 Members of National Associations of Nurses visiting London always welcomed with pleasure.

PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR NOVEMBER.

Describe the symptoms of enteric fever, the complications which may occur, and the nursing care.

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