

## WHAT TO READ.

## MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Kipling's Autobiography: Something of Myself."  
 "Robespierre: The First Modern Dictator." Ralph Korngold.  
 "The Early Letters of Gertrude Bell." Collected by Elsa Richmond.  
 "Edward Gibbon, 1737-1794."

## FICTION.

- "The River Pasture." Judy Van der Veer.  
 "The House on the Nile." Anne Duffield.  
 "Educating Elizabeth." Margaret Hassett.  
 "The Flowering Aloe." Sylvia Stevenson.  
 "The Door Between." Ellery Green.  
 "The Happy Return." G. S. Forester.

## COMING EVENTS.

April 17th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W., 2.30 p.m.

April 21st.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting, Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W., 2.30 p.m.

April 23rd.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W., 2.30 p.m.

April 27th.—The British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W. Lecture on "Detachment of the Retina," by Dr. E. F. King (lantern slides), 8 p.m.

## MAY.

May 7th.—Guy's Hospital, Past and Present, Nurses' League Dinner will take place in the Nurses' Home, 7 p.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.*

## EX-BRITISH WAR HORSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It is with pleasure that I am able to announce to your readers that the 200th ex-British War Horse has been purchased, but unfortunately, instead of being the end of the League's campaign, it is only the beginning. When visiting Belgium, I went over the papers in possession of the representatives of the League in Brussels, I find that there are something like 2,000 more to be rescued.

That visit has left an indelible impression on my memory, which can only be eradicated by the knowledge that the last of these horses has been rescued from conditions that defy description. That rescue can only be completed by additional support from the public, which I trust will be forthcoming.

I hope that any of your readers, if they happen to be in the Belgian capital, will visit the League's stables at 33, Chaussée de Mons, and see for themselves the awful tragic wrecks that were once proud cavalry chargers.

I saw, in a filthy stable, a mule that had once served the British Army. The bones of the off foreleg had been fused so that the leg was a complete bow, the bones being solid. That mule was still actually working, and the peasant woman who owned him said that she knew that he was lame, but there was plenty of work to be got out of him.

That mule was rescued.

That one story is not the worst.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.

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## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

## Hospitality Appreciated.

*A Sister writes from Hong Kong:* "It is a beautiful morning—bright and sunny with a cool wind. I enclose a £1 note to help the Hospitality Committee of the College, and as just a very small appreciation of the hospitality which I received when on home leave, and which I so very much appreciated.

We are busy planning for the move to the New Queen Mary Hospital—we expect to begin moving about the end of March. I must send a full account when the opening takes place.

Changes have taken place since I was home. The people were just too bewildered when King Edward abdicated—it all passed off marvellously well—I suppose in another country there would have been a revolution. I hear the Queen Mother is more loved and honoured than ever—I suppose you are all very busy at the College, and I hope all goes smoothly, and that the Congress will be a great success in every way."

## Women Officers in Men's Prisons.

*A Prison Visitor writes:* "How dare you make such a revolutionary suggestion as to have women officers in men's prisons? And yet why not—all these wretched criminals are human, and the majority the result of misfortune—in birth, environment, and as the result of disease. This is a too tragic subject for a mere scrap of a letter. Let me, however, support your suggestion. Could not women officials in Men's Prisons begin in the sick wards? Here is a fine field for psychological nurses. May we live to see these experts serving their fellow-creatures in Men's Prisons."

## The Value of Mind over Matter.

*One of the Rank and File writes:* "I have read the preliminary Programme of the I.C.N. Congress with interest, and marked the sessions I intend if possible to attend. I hope there is a room reserved where intimate little consultations can take place. 'Prison Nursing' is not on the programme—it is a subject which lends itself to progressive suggestion—now that we realise the value of mind over matter. Your suggestion of the value of women officials in male prisons, has my warm approval. I do hope 'the floor' will find courage to take part actively in discussions—spontaneous expressions are always so much more interesting than set papers."

## Has the Motor Mania hardened our Hearts?

*Health Visitor writes:* "The big increase in road casualties is at last rousing mothers who are compelled to send their children long distances to school over dangerous roads. Usually the educational authorities who make these arrangements do not permit their own little children to run the risks working folks families have to endure. I have more than once witnessed the grief of poor parents over the mangled corpse of a beloved child. Has the motor mania hardened our hearts—it would seem so."

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## PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR MAY.

Describe what you know about Food and Health.

We regret we are unable to award a Prize this month, no Paper of sufficient merit having been received.

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