

## WHAT TO READ.

## MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "The Private Letters of Madame de Lieven to Prince Metternich, 1820-1826. Edited by Peter Grennell.  
 "The Stuarts." Sir Charles Petrie.  
 "Little Fellow Gentlemen." Henry John May.  
 "No Hearts to Break." Susan Ertz.  
 "Duc de Lauzun," "Knave of Diamonds." M. Coryn.

## FICTION.

- "The Mortal Storm." Phyllis Bottome.  
 "Turning Wheels." Stuart Cloete.  
 "Give Me To-morrow." Shirley Darbyshire.  
 "Seventh Wave." Olive Wadsley.  
 "Bride of Death." Katherine Wolffe.  
 "Who Would Have Daughters." Marguerite Steen.  
 "The Black Virgin." Mary Borden.  
 "Oxford Limited." Reith Briant.

## TRAVEL.

- "Baghdad Sketches." Freya Stark.

## COMING EVENTS.

November 20th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

November 24th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Annual meeting of Grand Council, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

November 26th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, 2.30 p.m.

## DECEMBER.

December 4th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting, Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, 3 p.m., preceded by short service in the Chapel of St. Bartholomew-the-Less, 2.30 p.m. Tea in Nurses' Sitting Room, 4 p.m.

December 4th.—Mental Hospital Matrons' Association. 59th Quarterly Meeting. Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W., 2.30 p.m. Executive Committee, 2 p.m.

December 7th.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's Jubilee. Address of Thanks. At Home to Friends. 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, 4 to 6 p.m. The Address will be presented 4.30 p.m.

December 8th.—Matron-in-Chief and Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service. At Home. Grosvenor House, Park Lane, 3.30 to 6 p.m.

## LABRADOR CHRISTMAS CARDS.

DEAR EDITOR,

I have received a copy of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in which you have been kind enough to insert a notice of our Labrador Christmas cards. Please accept our grateful thanks for the help you have given our work by this publicity.

Yours sincerely,

K. SPALDING,

Hon. Secretary.

66, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.1.

## WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"We as a nation seek a spiritual union with all who love freedom. Of many bloods and of diverse national origins, we stand before the world to-day as one people united in a common determination.

"That determination is to uphold the ideal of human society which makes conscience superior to brute strength—the ideal which would substitute freedom for force in the government of the world."—President Roosevelt.

## KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

## The College of Nursing control of Private Nurses.

*Private Nurse* writes:—"Does it mean if our Superintendent feels compelled to enrol our 'Co-op.' under the control of the College of Nursing, we members of the staff will be transferred with or without our consent? That is the sort of wholesale slaughter of independence which has aroused so much bitter feeling in the minds of the public, and has been productive of so much protest in the press of late. I presume I must either lose my living or conform to what I strongly object to."

[We are of opinion that your Superintendent should consult the members of the nursing staff on a question of vital interest to their personal and professional independence.—ED.]

## Is Florence Nightingale a Myth?

"From a sensible Nurse who does not expect the moon to be made of green cheese":—"In this hospital we are a very happy band of workers, and we have read the silly nonsense contributed to a sensational press with impatience, but surely A. J. Cronin, of 'The Citadel' fame, is the limit when he concludes his high falutin nonsense in the *Daily Mirror* on November 3rd with these words:—

"The myth of Florence Nightingale is dead. It has haunted the nursing profession too long. And to invoke it now in the cause of sweated labour is sheer hypocrisy.' Would that the spirit of Florence Nightingale still inspired the work of every woman who ministers to sick and helpless humanity. There was no myth about her glorious example and irrefutable teaching, and it will stand as the creed for all time of those worthy to emulate her. A good nurse loves serving—personally I enjoy being tired after a full day; if giving is to be taken away from us, and the policy of grab substituted—God have pity on us."

[We fear the policy of "grab" is rapidly becoming the impulse of an effete generation, and with the glaring example of our politicians of all parties, in recently raising their own salaries by thousands of pounds, leaving the defenceless tax-payer to contribute five shillings in the pound, it is impossible to preach thrift without arousing antagonism. So their parents and the younger generation of nurses cannot be blamed for agitating for costly conditions and a standard of luxury which are not enjoyed in the majority of homes. Soon we shall have to promote a Society of Stoics.—ED.]

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## PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR DECEMBER.

What are the predisposing factors in tuberculosis? What are the main principles of treatment in Nursing? How can one prevent the spread of infection from an infectious consumptive?

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