

WHAT TO READ

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Gladstone." Erich Eyck, Ph.D.
 "Daughter of the Eagle." Nethmie Zaimi.
 "I Caught Crippen." Ex-Chief Inspector Walter Dew.
 "Farewell Austria." Kurt Von Schuschnigg.
 "Dublin Old and New." Stephen Gwynn.
 "Princess Lieven." H. Montgomery Hyde.
 "The Three Ladies Waldegrave and their Mother."
 Violet Biddulph.

FICTION.

- "Man, Woman and Child." John Brophy.
 "Pomfret Towers." Angela Thirkell.
 "Count Belisarius." Robert Graves.
 "The Rains Came." Louis Blomfield.
 "The Matins of Bruges." Alfred Tresidder Sheppard.
 "Secret Orchards." Michael Burt.
 "The Ugly Dachshund." G. B. Stern.
 "The Sword of Love." Rearden Conner.
 "The Secret Kingdom." Walter Greenwood.
 "The Child of Divorce." Emile Cammaerts.

POETRY,

- "Sonnets and Verse." Hilaire Belloc.

A Society of Outsiders.

- "Three Guineas." Virginia Woolf.
 Do not fail to study this challenge to thinking minds.

COMING EVENTS.

June 18th.—The British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

June 20th.—Opening of International Red Cross Conference at St. James's Palace. 12 noon.

June 24th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 23, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

June 28th.—Sale of Antiques for Queen Charlotte's Hospital. Sotheby's Rooms, Bond Street, W.

JULY.

July 2nd.—The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. A General Meeting, Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C. 3 p.m. Tea and an American Sale in the Great Hall.

July 4th.—The British College of Nurses. Annual Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

July 6th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Scholarship Advisory Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3 p.m.

July 8th.—The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Conference Sub-Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3.30 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.

The Duty of the State.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM.—Who is this handful of nine nominated unprofessional persons on the General Nursing Council who have arrogated to themselves the power to govern the 87,000 Registered members of the Nursing Profession, and deprive them of professional power and privilege, so hardly won, without consultation with them?

In our opinion they possess neither knowledge nor experience for any such dictatorship, and we feel sure that the indignation which their conduct has aroused will find means of expression.

One item concerning which we have a right to be informed is on finance. Who is going to pay for the Split Preliminary Examination? We presume the prospective probationer, as she may never materialise in hospital practice. We claim information on this point. We know that in Scotland the system has been a failure, and we see no hope of its success in England so far as the voluntary recruitment of probationers is concerned.

Owing to the breakdown of the nursing service the skilled nursing of the sick has become the duty of the State, and at an early date the Government will be compelled to inaugurate an efficient medical and nursing service throughout the country. The sooner the better.

L.C.C. SISTERS.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire.

Sister Tutor writes: "Before handing the Nursing Profession over to the teachers, it would be well if the G.N.C. took heed of the opinion of Mr. Arthur Woodburn, the Secretary of the Scottish Labour Party, when introducing the Report of the Executive Committee at Edinburgh. He is reported to have said:—

'The report dealt only with a fraction of the scandalous rubbish taught to their children in their schools.

'Many teachers are as full of conceit as they are lacking in intelligence,' added Mr. Woodburn. 'Many of them could not pass the ordinary intelligence test of the Post Office which deals with up-to-date matters.

'Labour Councillors and Members of Parliament meeting deputations of teachers have been shocked to find that teachers in the main are concerned only with their wages and very little with education.'

Success to the Journal.

From a Sister in India: "The hot weather is upon us, so we are pleased to be tucked away once again in the Hills, and I have asked for a change to the South of India, which is more truly India. North India is mostly British military.

The Frontier trouble has commenced again, but so far the Air Force is controlling same. After 24 hours' notice, the villages are bombed. Really, the loss of life to the Army Officers, through these treacherous people, is astonishing, and we are only allowed to treat them as children, and when "hill warfare" is concerned they need some beating.

Still, I suppose this Frontier trouble will always be, unless they get a "Mussolini" or a "Hitler." These two men certainly have their uses. They need such men in India for the sake of peace.

I cannot tell you how interesting I find the JOURNAL. I wonder if it would be asking too much for an occasional lecture on Tropical Diseases. We abroad would be so grateful.

Every good wish and success to the JOURNAL."

[We have already lectures on Tropical Diseases being arranged, which will be fully reported in the JOURNAL.—ED.]

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PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR JULY.

What are the duties of the School Nurse as a Health Supervisor?

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