

"ALL'S CLEAR."

When we hear the call "Take Cover"
 Ringing, ringing, far and near,
 Then we seek a place of safety
 With our hearts awake to fear.
 The thought that hovers with us,
 As patiently we wait,
 Is—shall we hear the magic words
 Or, will they come too late!
 When the guns have ceased their firing
 We strain our ears to hear
 The magic words ring down the street,
 All's Clear! All's Clear! All's Clear!

Shall we learn a simple lesson
 In these times of strain and stress,
 The need of God's protection
 And our own unworthiness?
 There is only one "safe cover"
 Under God's Almighty wing.
 If we know him as our Saviour,
 We can trust our lives to him.
 Let us then at once "Take Cover,"
 Trust in Him and have no fear,
 Just simply, humbly following
 In the path He makes "All Clear."

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RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

"The Single-handed Mother," by Lindsey W. Batten. M.B., M.R.C.P. With a Preface by H. G. Wells. 5s. net. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., 40, Museum Street, London, W.C.1. "Pleasant Food for Diabetics," by A. Sanders formerly Sister at St. George's Hospital, London. 3/6 net. Faber and Faber, Ltd., 24, Russell Square, London, W.C.1. "Sue Barton—Student Nurse," by Helen Dore Boylston. A novel for girls. 7/6 net. John Lane, The Bodley Head, Bury Street, London, W.C.

WHAT TO READ.**MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.**

"Stalin: A Critical Survey of Bolshevism." Boris Soubarine.
 "The Grand Whiggery." Marjorie Villiers.
 "A Poet in Parliament." Derek Hudson.
 "Paderewski Memoirs: Musician and Polish Patriot." Paderewski and Mary Lawton.

FICTION.

"The Sea Tower." Hugh Walpole.
 "The Two Wives." Frank Swinnerton.
 "Power for Sale." John Knittel.
 "The Piper and the Wind." Anne Hepple.
 "Anne of Ingleside." L. M. Montgomery.
 "Desert Moon." Anne Duffield.
 "These Roots Go Deep." Ursula Bloom.
 "Jubal Troop." Paul L. Wellman.
 "The Red Centaur." Marjorie Mack.
 "How Green was My Valley." Richard Llewellyn.
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 "Hudson Rejoins the Herd." Claude Houghton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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 "The Defence of Britain." Liddell Hart.
 "Apparitions and Haunted Houses." Sir Ernest Bennett.

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 Editor wishes to express thanks for appreciative letters from various parts of the world—so many kind thoughts and good wishes cannot fail to help in this time of stress—all full of splendid courage and determination to help in the Great Crusade which will, of course, prove victorious, because we are fighting for right, to make it possible for the human race to live in peace. We nurses know that our colleagues in every country are animated with sincere sympathy and regard for one another. Would that their convictions and example could penetrate political conscience. Mechanised murder would then very soon cease and tyrants roll in the dust.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.**The Nurses' Patron Saint.**

An Army Sister writes: "Thanks be that there is no further tax on tea, as we nurses find life abroad unbearable without tea three times a day, our usual ration in many hospitals. Our little group have decided to cut down our tea ration to once daily—and give up our cigarettes. Men on active service will enjoy both, and if all nurses would deny themselves in this particular it will help to win the war. It is most stimulating to deny oneself luxuries."

[Of course, Florence Nightingale is the Patron Saint of the Nursing Profession; but sometimes we think Charles II's Queen, Catherine of Braganza, should share the honour. It is to her we owe the fashion of tea drinking. When it was first introduced, so little were its real properties known that ladies used to serve up the leaves as a vegetable and throw away the water in which they had been boiled! The first "coffee-house" was set up during the Commonwealth by a Turkish merchant, and increased so tremendously that they became a power in the land—as there men heard the latest news long before the newspapers could print it. The attempt to abolish them failed, and coffee-houses flourished until they became merged in the clubs of to-day.—ED.]

A would be Pilgrim writes:—"Do you think it would be possible for a band of nurses of various nationalities to preach Peace throughout Europe? Peter the Hermit and other inspired persons served humanity thus in past ages. Why cannot their example be emulated in this dark age? I should love to take part in such a mission."

[We quite sympathise with this suggestion of a Nurses' Mission for righteousness, but realise that in this prosaic age Potentates and Powers would fail to appreciate its possibilities.—ED.]

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