

# WHAT TO READ.

## MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Our Princesses at Home." Lisa Sheridan.
- "Friends of a Lifetime." Letters to Sydney Carlyle Cockerell. Edited by Viola Meynell.
- "Life is Sweet, Brother." Bernard Darwin.
- "Informal Autobiography." E. F. Benson.
- "Concerning Winston Spencer Churchill." Sir George Arthur.

## FICTION.

- "Royal William." Doris Leslie.
- "The Man Who Went Back." Warwick Deeping.
- "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe." Agatha Christie.
- "Come Back to Erin." Sean O'Faolain.
- "Central Stores." Vicki Baum.
- "They Went to Karathia." Susan Gillespie.
- "Boarding House." Agnes Ancroft.
- "Adventurous Retreat." Barrington Howard.
- "The Black Baroness." Denis Wheatley.
- "The Spring Returns." Doreen Wallace.
- "You Can't Keep the Change." Peter Cheyney.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

- "The Most Haunted House in England." Harry Price.
- "Southward Ho!" William La Varre. (Travel.)

# 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.*

## GRENFELL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has come this morning and I want to thank you very much indeed for the splendid notices you have given in it, both on the death of Sir Wilfred Grenfell, and on the sale of our Christmas cards.

I am sure that, as in former years, the publicity you have so generously given to this method of helping the children of Labrador and Newfoundland will be most effective.

Please accept our gratitude for your help.

Yours very truly,

K. SPALDING,  
Hon. Secretary.

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND.

224-6-8, Great Portland Street,  
London, W.1.  
October 28th, 1940.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,

Thank you very much indeed for so kindly including in your Journal the excellent review of our Annual Report, together with the photograph.

We very much appreciate your kind interest in our work, and this publicity should be of great benefit to us.

Yours very truly,

J. DE LA MARE ROWLEY.  
General Editor.

## "GUILTY MEN."

W. H. SMITH & SON, LTD., STRAND HOUSE, LONDON, W.C.2.  
To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR SIR,—In your issue dated September you make, under the heading "We are not handling it," a reference

to W. H. Smith & Son and the book "Guilty Men" which is incorrect in important details.

1. W. H. Smith & Son, Ltd., are not publishers.

2. The Company has no "monopoly of the bookstalls in every station in England." The greatest number of bookstalls that the Company can muster in England and Wales, by including all their sub-stalls, where only a boy or girl attends for a few hours daily behind a board and trestle, is only 1,388, whereas the number of passenger stations in England and Wales is 5,470. And apparently your contributor has never heard of Messrs. Wyman's station bookstalls.

If you will re-read your note you will see that by your own words your criticism entirely falls to the ground in the light of the above facts.

I am not writing this to ask for a correction. Knowing something of an editor's difficulties I thought you might like to be informed of these facts.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. SMITH & SON, LTD.

F. E. W. FOOT, Manager,  
Publicity Department.

[We publish the above communication from W. H. Smith & Son, Ltd., with pleasure because it enables us to emphasise the principles for which we contended in our September issue.

It matters not whether this firm are publishers or not, or if they have an entire monopoly of every station in the Kingdom for selling their wares. They have the privilege of doing so at 1,388 of the most important stations in the Metropolis and elsewhere.

We do not agree that our criticism falls to the ground.

An exceedingly able work is published criticising the conduct by Government politicians of European affairs and the result of their policy, and this powerful firm of Newsagents, Printers and Advertising Agents, puts its veto upon it. Go to any of the large stations in the Metropolis, ask for "Guilty Men," and a salesman parrot will tell you "We are not handling it." You ask why? No satisfactory reply can be extracted. You enquire, "Are we or are we not fighting to the death for liberty of thought, expression and action?" Why should W. H. Smith & Son, Ltd., deny to the public these fundamental rights?

Presumably because it might injure business. We hope the Chairman of the Company will look into this matter and forthwith remove cause of offence to the conscience of free citizens.—ED.]

## KERNEL FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

A Case for the British Medical Association.

A *Matron of a Hospital for Infectious Diseases* writes:—"I hasten to thank you for the beautiful 'Editorial' in this month's Journal. They are always uplifting, but this is especially so. I hope it is read by thousands... I find the Journal packed full of news.

"Have you had any comments on the film 'Vigil in the Night'? As it concerns nursing in an infectious block of a hospital, my staff all went to see it and came back full of indignation. It is really so far fetched as to be amusing, but it seems dreadful that a serious subject such as Laryngeal Diphtheria and Spinal Meningitis should be portrayed for entertainment.

"Two doctors' names were shown as having had something to do with the production, but, not thanks be, a State Registered Nurse. I think the book is written by a doctor too."

## PRIZE COMPETITION QUESTION FOR DECEMBER.

Describe an acute attack of Asthma, and say what can be done to give the patient relief.

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