

## WHAT TO READ.

## MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Sun Yat-Sen: Strange Vigour." Bernard Martin.  
 "The Saints in Art." Margaret E. Tabor.  
 "Shelley: The Man and the Poet." A. Clutton-Brock.

## FICTION.

- "The Wind and the Rain." Joyce Horner.  
 "Hard Facts." Howard Spring.  
 "A Woman in Sunshine." Frank Swinnerton.  
 "Return Journey." Emmeline Morrison.  
 "Now a Memory." Amy J. Baker.  
 "The Three Men Who Went to Ardath." Una L. Silberrard.  
 "Mrs. Loveday." Robert Goodyear.  
 "Never Say Die." McKnight Malmar.  
 "Murder in the Lady Chapel." Stanley P. Toye.  
 "Towards Zero." Agatha Christie.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

- "British Foreign Policy." Sir Edward Grigg.

## POETRY.

- "Green and Grey." Lord Vansittart.  
 "Air Force Poetry." Edited by John Pudney and Henry Treece.

## 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 her sincere thanks for the many letters recently received—many containing gifts—from subscribers, who realise the strain of work in the S.W. district, with constant destruction by flying bombs. The poor in the district are suffering terribly, and it is not surprising that nervous systems suffer.

## "A Soldier—His Prayer."

An F.B.C.N. writes: "I have just read THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING from cover to cover; strangely enough, we were just talking a few hours before the Journal came of that Eighth Army lovely poem, which you quote in the leading article, which follows on the King's fine speech so well. 'A Soldier—His Prayer' does indeed bring tears to one's eyes and a flood of admiration and gratitude to such splendid souls."

## A Fight to the Death.

A National Council Member writes: "We owe gratitude to the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for informing us of the outrageous proposal of the London Branch of the Royal College of Nursing that our National Council of Nurses of Great Britain should affiliate unqualified Assistant Nurses—as naturally it fears their affiliation with the Royal College, for which they have applied—and I feel sure we shall have the loyal Leagues which form the N.C.G.B. with us in fighting any such disastrous proposal. I hope the International Council of Nurses is being warned of this de-grading proposal of the Royal College."

[We feel sure our I.C.N. President, Miss Effie Taylor, R.N., will not consent to any lowering of affiliation standards for National Councils of Nurses with the high standard attained by the I.C.N. All the same, we must prevent this new proposal to de-grade our National Council standard by the Royal College—which evolved the Assistant Nurse—and must not be permitted to make Registered Nurses responsible for her.—Ed.]

## The Foundation of the International Florence Nightingale Memorial.

A Sister Tutor writes: "I read with the greatest interest 'A Page of Nursing History' in July issue, and have duly

filed it in my instruction notes, as I try to present to my pupils the truth concerning nursing organisation and history. Very garbled accounts were taught to our student nurses when I was trained. This is most unfair, as students are kept entirely in the dark unless they study 'The History of Nursing,' that most valuable publication from which you quote. The nursing profession the world over owes Miss Lavinia Dock a debt it can never repay for giving us the truth. Please can we have another paper dealing with the history of 'The Florence Nightingale International Foundation.' At a recent meeting I attended the credit for inspiring this valuable memorial work, for the time being in abeyance owing to destruction of headquarters, was all credited to the Royal College of Nursing.

"From my filed copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING the proposal to organise an International Memorial to Miss Nightingale was made at the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Cologne in 1912, proposed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, seconded by Dean Adelaide Nutting, and warmly supported and carried by international delegates. And it was at the I.C.N. Meeting in Paris in 1933 that the scheme materialised in co-operation with the League of Red Cross Societies. I do hope you will give us another 'Page of Nursing History' on this matter. It is of vital importance that the truth should be placed on record."

[We sympathise with this Sister-Tutor, evidently a seeker after truth, and hope at an early date to comply with her request. The true facts in connection with the foundation of the "International Florence Nightingale Memorial" is recorded in this journal, but we realise that unless the journal is bound and can thus be consulted, it is very difficult for the younger generation of Sister-Tutors to acquaint themselves with the truth.—Ed.]

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