

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Abraham Lincoln." M. R. Ridley.
 "Bismarck's Fateful Years." The Building of German Unity. Erich Eyck.
 "Ronald Cartland." By his Sister.
- FICTION.
- "Gemel in London." James Agate.
 "Intruder Marriage." Berta Ruck.
 "Step into Romance." Hermina Black.
 "Fireweed." Naomi Royde Smith.
 "Bedford Village." Hervey Allen.
 "No Little Enemy." Oliver Wild Bayer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "The Fifth Freedom." Captain A. O. Pollard, V.C., M.C., D.C.M.
 "Tolstoy. An Approach." Janko Lavrin.
 "A Short History of Modern Greece, 1821-1940." Edward S. Forster.
 "Social Life in Stuart England." Mary Coate, M.A.
 "The Common People, 1746-1938." G. D. H. Cole and Raymond Postgate.
 "The Land of St. Joan." Owen Rutter.

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 sincerely thanks colleagues who hearing of her indisposition have sent kind letters. She is pleased to notify her recovery. The fact remains that working in a blitzed house where, after a whole year, labour cannot be supplied to make it watertight or free from blasts, it was inevitable that the cold spell should add injury to devastation.

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To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

DEAR MADAM,—I have to thank you for your sympathetic review of our recent Annual Report, contained in the January issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

Yours faithfully,

J. DE LA MARE ROWLEY,
 General Editor.

"Let Us Die in Peace."

The little paragraph inserted last month calling attention to the need of a Home where old nurses may die in peace is evidently more urgent than we realised, to judge from support given to the suggestion under the cry "Let Us Die in Peace."

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

"Let Us Die in Peace."

A Sister of wide nursing experience writes: "I was so glad to see a plea for sick old nurses in the January BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I must say that what I saw of the environment and nursing of a highly qualified Superintendent during the last eight months of her life made my blood boil. She had to go to one of the inferior L.C.C. hospitals, paying for herself. I am sure, according to their lights and considering war-time conditions, efforts were made to improve upon the usual standard of nursing care the patients receive there, but the nurses, most of them of a rough type, were not accustomed to nursing people of

refinement, and treated my friend in a way I know she felt keenly. It was sad to see one who had been such a skilful and devoted nurse herself receiving such poor care herself in her old age. She should have been in a Nursing Home receiving the best of care and kindness, but she was in a tiled room off the ward without a window, except for a slit. I did communicate with the authorities of her service, but was told there were no funds for other provision.

Please go on urging the need for suitable provision being required for all sick old nurses."

[This is evidently a matter in which we Registered Nurses should take some steps to have rectified.—ED.]

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