on the relation of intuition to "the values," teleology, and genius. Intuition, it seems, constitutes one of the attributes of genius, and the geniuses discussed include Rousseau, Goethe, Marcus Aurelius, Henry Ford, and the Biblical David, in that order. The author demonstrates her analytical talents best, perhaps, when she treats of the role of intuition in esthetic perception and in the recognition of values.

With less enthusiasm and less success, Miss Wild attempts finally to reduce her thirty-one definitions to a simple array, and arrives at a conception of intuition as "an immediate awareness by a subject, of some particular entity, without such aid from the senses or from reason as would account for that awareness," or as the method by which a subject attains such awareness. Throughout she assumes that some such mental activity occurs and that the word intuition - to purloin a phrase-is not one of the "fig-leaves which cover the nakedness of our ignorance."

## A Record of Courage

MY MIND A KINGDOM. By George Thomas. New York: E. P. Dutton \& Co. 1938. \$2.50.

## Reviewed by William Sloane

GEORGE THOMAS'S heroism is of a kind that does not find its way often into a book. To create a personal life of interest, achievement, and even humor in the face of such odds as he faces daily requires a triumphant character

Out of the seven members of the Thomas family, four suffer from an apparently incurable and obscure form of progressive muscular atrophy. Their lives, as this day-by-day journal reveals them, should have been intolerably burdensome. Every motion must be made with calculating carefulness, but even so, painful and dangerous falls are commonplace. By the end of the year 1935, in which his book was written, Mr. Thomas was no longer able even to cross his legs unaided. Writing, which he had determined to make his career after the success of his first book, "A Tenement in Soho," must be practised with a special technique.

The Thomases live in a tenement; the father of the family is a London dustman, and though they are not paupers, they are poor. And yet, to quote another line from the Edward Dyer poem which supplies the author with his title, "though much I want which most would have," he is able to face life without self-pity. Books and their writing, music, good talk, and a moving religious feeling do make a kingdom out of what would otherwise have been a caged life of frustration.

Diaries cannot be plotted any more than life, as Miss Sackville-West points out in her admirable preface, so nothing much happens, in an objective way, in the course of "My Mind a Kingdom." But it needs no plot to make it a special but engrossing kind of book, full of humanity, courage, laughter, and warm faith. Not everyone will like it, but those who do will find it sui generis and excellent.

## The New Books

## Fiction

LATER THAN YOU THINK. By Gawen Brownrigg. Knopf. 1938. \$2.50.
This is a glib and readable tale; in all probability it was so intended. Yet one can't help seeing how its essential subject has been badly diluted by this very glibness, by the way in which too many supposedly sure-fire elements have been crowded in. Automobile racing is a sport full enough of excitement and special techniques to make its own novel. Further, Mr. Brownrigg is a sports editor and has at his finger-tips all of the details and sensations of the game. When he permits himself to set these down in their own tempo, unspoiled, he gives us some fresh, thrilling writing. But then he remembers that a novelist should be an artificer, and thrusts racing into the background. He gives us a flippant Oxford youth who is just a racing genius without ever taking it seriously, who comes down from college to become, in an incredible flash, the greatest racer in Europe. He is also romantically irresistible, and has a melodramatic affair with a melodramatic woman. His employer is a sinister, wholly fantastic auto magnate, who fondles enlarged pictures of terrible crashes and keeps, tenderly, a space on the wall for our hero's debacle, which is of course filled in. All of this is merely an insincere treatment of essentially good realistic material, and therefore disappointing.
N. L. R.

TWO FOR JOY. By E. Morchard Bishop. Scribner's. 1938. \$2.50.

In spite of his title, there isn't much joy in Mr. Bishop's novel, which seems designed to evoke nostalgic poignance rather than any stronger emotion. The story is a simple one, told in the first person by a young English draughtsman who is more sensitive than sensible. The Irish girl with whom he falls in love and ultimately marries would have been happier had she remained a spinster, and little by little they retreat from each other until there is nothing left between them except recollection and regret. After a somewhat staccato and fumbling start, the narrative flows along with occasional moments of intensity that redeem it from pointlessness. But its current is neither deep, wide, nor swift, and most of the time it is not much of a book. Some of the scenes are laid in Dublin. These and the quick sketches of the "real, ould Dublin characters" have a salinity that might have given more bite to the rest of the book had the author been able to sprinkle it more generally through his pages.
W. S.

OLD MOTLEY. By Audrey Lucas. Macmillan. 1938. $\$ 2.50$.

The title of this novel suggests one of its main features, namely the theatrical career of a scion of an English Quaker family, in the days of Madame Vestris, Charles Mathews, Macready, and Count D'Orsay. The decade from 1830
to 1840 is its time-span. The novel is also a study of parental dominance and severity warping the lives of the children of a family. John Baron, the Quaker banker, is not another Mr. Barrett, to be sure; but the tyranny of his affection for his daughter Margaret is a trait inherited by her and exercised toward her much younger stepbrother, Charles, who finally breaks away from his family to go on the stage. In the beginning of the book Margaret mothers the boy who usually angers her father, but she is at no time a very sympathetic character, being actually extremely self-centered, like her father.
The presentation of both narrowminded and broad-minded Quakers of the period is interesting, and Miss Lucas has obviously done considerable research into theatrical history of the time. She writes in a nineteenth century manner which sorts with her material but which runs easily into rather obvious melodrama. This minor novel has atmospheric charm and the manners of the period have been well studied. Frankly a romance, it has little subtlety, but neither is it squeamish. Miss Lucas has inherited the gift of enjoyable writing from her late highly talented father, E. V. Lucas.
W. R. B.

## History

LEGENDS OF LOUDOUN. By Harrison Williams. Richmond, Va.: Garrett \& Massie. 1938. \$3.

This is a pleasant local history of Loudoun County, Virginia, where Monroe built Oak Hill from Jefferson's plans, where Mosby's name was feared, and where now the new hunting-squires (frequently from the North) pursue even more expensive foxes than those of Peapack, N. J. Mr. Williams is not a trained writer but he is obviously in love with the countryside, and he has some good stories to tell.
S. V. B.

## Miscellaneous

MERCHANTS OF PEACE. Twenty Years of Business Diplomacy Through the International Chamber of Commerce, 1919-1938. By George L. Ridgeway. Columbia University Press. 1938. \$3.75.
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While this account of the International Chamber of Commerce covers an important and previously neglected field, and is useful as a reference book, it will probably satisfy neither the scholar nor the layman. The approach is entirely chronological, covering year by year the conferences and programs of the I.C.C., with no real analysis of the organization or critical appraisal of its work. Are all of these manufacturers and bankers really merchants of peace? How far have the various national chambers coöperated in the efforts of the I.C.C. to reduce tariffs? Even in his concluding chapter, Professor Ridgeway never comes to grips with current economic problems or relates the I.C.C. to the political tensions of today. This is a panegyric, not a history.
The book is well documented and illustrated, but written in a heavy and occasionally verbose style. Its large index is marred by a curious bit of slipshod compilation which is quite unworthy of an academic publisher; for nineteen of the many individuals indexed, including Theodore Wolff of the Berliner Tageblatt, are given dashes instead of first names.
J. F. G.

SLUMS OF NEW YORK. By Harry Manuel Shulman. Boni. 1938. \$3.
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## Double-Crostics: No. 226

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definitions of which definitions of which umn headed DEFINITIONS. The letters in each word to be guessed are numbered. These numbers appear under the dashes in WORDS There is a dash for each letter in the required word. The key letters in the squares are for convenience, indicating to which word in the definitions each letter in the diagram be-
longs. When you have guessed a word, fill guessed a word, fill then write each letter in the correspondingly numbered square on the puzzle diagram. When the squares are all filled in you will find (by reading from left to right) a quo-
tation from a famous tation from a famous and down the letters mean nothing. The black squares indicate ends of words; therefore words do not necessarily end at diagram.
When the column headed WORDS is filled in, the initial letters spell the name of the author and the title of the piece from which the quotation has been taken. Authority for sefinitions is Webster's New Inter-
national Dictionary (second edition).

The solution of last week's DoubleCrostic will be found on page 22 of this issue.
A. Smallest mergansers
B. Both divine and human
C. Pertaining to poetic foo of a trochee and an . Wavy (Fr.).
E. Slatted panel (auto hood).
F. Attican city consecrated to Demeter.
G. Fiery (comp.).
H. Tempting, alluring.
I. Creator of the world.
J. Cross-grained.
K. Barren; exhausted.
L. Ornate.
M. Snakelike teleost fishes.
N. Surrounding.
O. Sets for loose-leaf notebooks.
P. King of Denmark (985 1014).
Q. Tedious.
R. Follower of Falstaff.
S. Cheerful, bright.
T. City in Nebraska.
U. Inside information (slang) (comp.).
V. Deepest within.
W. Scottish poet (1834 1882).
X. Not deserving.
Y. Valiant (now hu-
morous).
Z. Excludes.


