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cerity of the spirit of Conformism visible everywhere. He enquires, Is it begotten of fear? Concluding he says: "My heart ached with a fresh anguish. In declaring my love afresh, must I hide my reservations and give a lying approval to everything."

The tone of the book is restrained and judicial, and deserves careful reading.

Round the World with Tom Clarke. The author, Mr Tom Clarke, was offered a trip round the world, passage paid—and £1,000. Would you believe it? Well, it did happen and the book he has written about this trip, with his daughter Pat, is good reading. Always there is something that tells us that the author has an aptness for seeing many things the average man would not see; the effect sometimes is just that something that makes a story worth-while telling—and reading. Pat must have been a charming girl, and the girl from Blackpool just delightful, full of vim and quick at repartee. This is not only a book that will be well read but there is plenty of matter suggestive of a very wide grip of current affairs. Don't miss Tom Clarke.

Inside Europe. By John Gunther. The demand for this book has been and still is, so great that we have bought another copy.

Something of Myself. By Rudyard Kipling. Full of most interesting particulars of the author's life relating to his books and the characters in them.

Coronations Commentary. By Geoffrey Dennis. A book that aroused much interest, and one that is full of interest.

The Restraining Hand. By R. A. Bosshardht. An unique book relating the adventures of a missionary of the China Inland Mission captured by the Communistic armies in China.

The Family Life of Queen Elizabeth. By Lady Cynthia Asquith.

First Movement, by Mark Grossek. "Mark Grossek" is the nom-de-guerre of a well-known figure in the literary world. Born in London, where his father was a tailor in the East End, the life of the family was one of long and arduous work and meagre food. Schooldays began at Gibraltar Street Board School, where he won a scholarship giving him a period at Whitaker's Foundation School, where he gained an intermediate scholarship, which qualified him for admission to the City of London School. There he gained scholarships that gave him three years at East London College as an internal student of London University. Successful in getting his degree as B.A., he says at the close of the book, "My education had ended. But if I were to say that it had hardly begun, I should be nearer the the truth."

The pictures he gives of the different teachers and masters at each school are all drawn with a humour, sometimes tinged with pathos, but always restrained and generous. He never forgot the rock from whence he was hewed, and sometimes the memory was pathetic. Through all his school days was the insistent urge that knowledge, by and bye would mean, success to beauty, and those factors that mean the fulness of life. An unusual book, arresting and holding one, it leaves one richer in outlook and stronger in purpose. Many autobiographies are written but few attain to this standard.

Japan Must Fight Britain, by Lieut.Comm. Tota Ishimaru. This is a book well worth reading, and more than that, it is one that must be read in order to get the Japanese viewpoint of expansion. The author tells us that the ultimate aim of Japan is to include China and India in the Japanese economic block, and as he holds that Britain's era of prosperity and power is quickly vanishing, he is confident of Japan's victory. He leaves a possible hope for Britain if she will renounce some of her Asiatic territory, thus making a gesture that will placate Japan and render a war of acquisition unnecessary. He makes out a case that will please naval authorities in Japan, does not conceal his anger at the development of Singapore, and concedes that as long as Britain has a powerful navy, and Singapore, we in New Zealand and Australia can sleep in peace. He might have added that Britain has been likened unto a bulldog, whose strong point is to grip and hang on. A book to read by those who take concern at Pacific Ocean affairs.

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