

RAILWAY AIDS OLD SERVANTS.

Old John Smith (75) and his wife (70) can give the lie to people who say that the nationalised industries have no soul. Old John worked for 47 years as a ganger, maintaining the permanent way, but though he could still work if he had the chance, he had to retire 10 years ago, when he reached the age limit. At Long Green level crossing his wife Edith had charge of the gates; but now, she too has had to retire and the railway want the cottage for the new people. The old folk hadn't anywhere to go, and matters looked pretty desperate; but the railway have let them stay here since last April, though it cost a lot of money to bring other crossing keepers to the place every day.

Now, John and his wife will go to a new flat, provided by the Council. Good luck to them. But won't it seem quiet without those trains.