

The Gospel of Work.

This is the gospel of labour—
Ring it ye bells of the kirk!
The Lord of Love came down from above
To live with the men who work.
This is the rose he planted,
Here in the thorn-cursed soil;
Heaven is blessed with perfect rest
But the blessing of earth is toil!

—HENRY VAN DYKE.

What to Read.

- "After-Glow Memories." By Anglo-Australian.
"Susan Wood and Susan Won." By Emma Brooke.
"Rose of the River." By Kate Douglas Wiggin.
"A Quaker Wooing." By Mrs. Fred Reynolds.
"The Quakeress." By Max Adeler.
"Fauconberg." By Sir Wm. Magnay, Bart.
"Ayesha." By H. Rider Haggard.

Bookland.

Owing to the great demand which has immediately arisen for Mrs. Baillie Reynolds' new novel, "The Man Who Won," a second edition is now announced by Messrs. Hutchinson and Co.

Coming Events.

September 20th.—Lord Alverstone opens the new Cottage Hospital at Shanklin, erected by him in memory of his only son, the Hon. Arthur Webster.

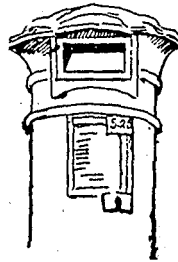
SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

October 6th.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses will be held at 431, Oxford Street, on Friday, October 6th, 1905, at 4.30 p.m.

Agenda.

1. Minutes.
2. To receive a Report from the Hon. Secretary.
3. Correspondence.
4. To nominate Vice-Presidents.
5. To receive applications for Membership.
6. To consider the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on Registration of Nurses.
6. To consider Bill for the State Registration of Nurses.
7. To arrange for a Special General Meeting of members to consider the Report, the Bill, and suggestions of the Executive Committee concerning the latter.
8. Other business.

October 7th.—Provincial Sessional Meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute at York, in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, in conjunction with a meeting of the Yorkshire Branch of the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health. The Lord Mayor will welcome the Conference, and a paper on "Some Aspects of the Pure Milk Problem" will be read by Mr. C. W. Sorrensen with the object of opening a discussion on a "Pure Milk Supply." Chairman, Col. J. Lane Nötter, M.A., M.D., R.A.M.C., 11 a.m.



Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.

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.

OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—Thank you very much for cheque for guinea prize. "Leo" is quite pleased that one of his old nurses has been the winner; he looks anxiously for the result of the competition every month, hoping that some time he may be the lucky competitor, and so add a guinea to his barrel; he is now collecting for the General Hospital here in Tunbridge Wells. About two months ago Miss Baxter was asked to allow him to wear his father's barrel, and he has just sent in his first collection of £5. He is the admiration of Tunbridge Wells, and gets quite little crowds around him when he walks abroad.—Yours faithfully,

Tunbridge Wells.

M. E. WOOD.

["Leo" père has already won the prize. Maybe the son will follow in his father's footsteps.—Ed.]

"A GOOD AFRICAN."

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—How sincerely many Mission workers will applaud your recent sympathetic article on "The Curse of Clothes"—more especially those who had the privilege of working with the saintly Bishop Smythies in Africa. It is sadly to be feared that we are "civilising" the coloured people off the face of the earth. Generations of experience has taught them much wisdom in practical affairs, which we ought to appreciate rather than attempt to teach them to substitute our western and other injurious customs—such, for instance, as the wearing of corsets and slow poisoning by alcohol. The great Bishop loved the black man because he took the trouble to know him. I once heard a very sympathetic woman say "All souls are white." The expression may not be an accurate one from a theological standpoint, but the underlying truth conveyed, that all souls are of equal value would certainly have been endorsed by Bishop Smythies.

Yours most truly,

AFRICANISED.

SISTERS' SALARIES.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—Surely Miss Mollett's letter on the question of Sisters' Salaries is a "draw," and not meant seriously. No one wishes to contest her contention that money grubbing is undesirable in trained nurses, but because their responsible duties are popular, providing a certain modicum of power and prestige, that is no reason why they should not be paid on a just, remunerative basis. It is a fact that many hospitals pay the cook more than the Sisters, and, as "E. S." writes, women cannot afford to give their best working years for £24 per annum if they

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