

The Mystic's Prayer.

Lay me to sleep in sheltering flame,
O Master of the Hidden Fire:
Wash pure my heart, and cleanse for me
My soul's desire.

In flame of sunrise bathe my mind,
O Master of the Hidden Fire,
That, when I wake, clear-eyed may be
My soul's desire.

—FIONA MACLEOD in the *Academy*.

What to Read.

- "The Breath of the Gods." By Sidney McCall.
"A World Without a Child." By Coulson Kernahan.
"Idle Ideas in 1905." By Jerome K. Jerome.
"By the Gods Beloved." By the Baroness Orczy.
"A Quaker Wooing." By Mrs. Fred Reynolds.
"The Quakeress." By Max Adeler.
"Fauconberg." By Sir Wm. Magnay, Bart.
"Ayesha." By H. Rider Haggard.
"Rose of the River." By Kate Douglas Wiggin.

Coming Events.

October 2nd.—London Medical Exhibition, Royal Horticultural Hall (five days).

October 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.—Lectures on the Prevention of Infection, by Dr. E. Symes Thompson, at Gresham College, Basinghall Street, 6 p.m.

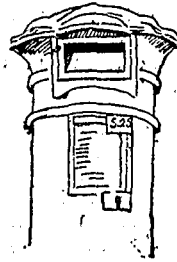
SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

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, W., 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.
7. To consider Bill for the State Registration of Nurses.
8. To arrange for a Special General Meeting of members to consider the Report, the Bill, and suggestions of the Executive Committee concerning the latter.
9. 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 Notter, 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.

SISTERS' SALARIES.

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

DEAR MADAM,—If the private means of candidates for Sisters' posts are to be taken into consideration, would not this tend to the purchase if not in cash paid down, yet in cash refused, of desirable posts? I mention the point because it occurred to me once, when applying for the Matronship of a hospital, to have as a competitor a lady who had previously been a Ward Sister in the institution, and whose work was consequently well known to the Committee. She informed the Committee that if appointed she would not take any salary, and the institution being a very poor one this, no doubt, was a consideration. She was not, however, appointed, the Committee selected a candidate to whom they paid a salary of £100 a year. I was informed afterwards that the Sister's action went against her instead of telling in her favour, as the Committee considered that it was what our American friends would call "low down mean" to try to oust other candidates in that way, and she scarcely got a vote. Had she been appointed and then given back her salary as a donation to the hospital they would have been glad enough to receive it, but the method of her application for the post did not commend itself to men of business. It might not always happen so, however.

I am, dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

MATRON.

THE QUACK NURSING PRESS.

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

DEAR MADAM,—As a retired Matron, with plenty of time on hand, I have during the past year spent much time in studying the nursing Press, and I have been immensely impressed with the fact that all the journals for nurses controlled, and, in the majority of instances, edited, by themselves, are wonderfully staunch to the progressive party, and most harmonious in tone, whereas every so-called nursing paper—founded as a commercial speculation and edited by lay persons—is, evidently, opposed to co-operation amongst nurses on a sound, self-governing basis, and most timorous in handling nursing politics. For instance, in England we have the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, *The Nurses' Journal*, the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*, and the organs of the following Leagues:—Bart's, Southampton, Leicester, Chelsea, Parish of Nottingham, Kingston Infirmary, and St. John's House, all edited by trained nurses, all solid for Higher Education and State Registration of Nurses. On the other hand, we have the organs of Sir Henry Burdett, Messrs. Macmillan, and the Midwives'

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