

"World Without End."

Over the silent sea,
Arching a dark blue dome;
In the moonpath silently
A fishing boat sailing home;
And the church bells distant chime,
And the "swish" of waves on the sand
In harmony melt and rhyme,
Singing songs of rest to the land.

Breaks with a discord wild
Into the peace a cry,
"Oh that my child, my child,
"The child that I love, should die."
And from a scene of woe
Drawn by an unknown gaol,
Freed from its earthly throe,
Floats on the night a soul.

There is no depth, no height,
There is no age, no youth,
Creation is infinite,
And the Home of our Life is Truth;
Bared, in a flash, the lie
Earth-children forged on death;
How can the God-born die?
We are our Maker's breath.

The flower sprung from thy dust,
Fair child shall bloom awhile,
And speak of the Love we trust
And carry thy earthly smile;
And worlds, upheld by a Law
That is perfect in Truth and Power,
That is Beauty without a flaw,
Are greater not than the flower.

Weep, sweet mother, thy love,
Ray of the Love Divine,
Freer than thought shall rove.
Yet it shall still be thine.
But a pang—and to see,
Thou, that Love's Law is this,
What it has formed shall be—
Was and for ever is.

LINA MOLLETT.

Coming Events.

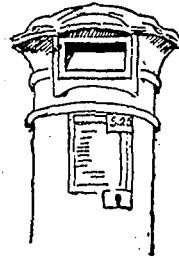
October 23rd to 27th.—Conference of the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, in the New Central Hall, Corporation Street, Birmingham. President, Lady Windsor.

October 24th and 25th.—Meeting of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland. Chairman, Miss Clifford.

October 24th.—Irish Nurses' Association—Dr. Jellett's Lecture on "Emergencies," 7.30 p.m.; 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

October 24th.—Examination of Central Midwives' Board, written paper. October 30th and 31st and November 1st—Viva-voce examinations. Examination Hall, Thames Embankment.

November 2nd.—Conference Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. Paper: "The Twentieth Century Matron," by Miss Isla Stewart, President; 431, Oxford Street, 8 p.m. Tea and Coffee.



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.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

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

DEAR MADAM,—“Alice Ellaby” asks what all thinking nurses holding general hospital training and certificates want to know—why we are to be the only nurses in the civilised world who may not be certificated by a Central Examining Board, and why even asylum attendants may have this privilege in this country? If there is no Central Examination for co-ordinating the various trainings, fever hospitals and special hospitals must all shut up, as the majority cannot afford to pay for a complete trained nursing staff, and if their training may not count in the curriculum under certain circumstances they will get no probationers. Who is going to spend years working in institutions when the experience cannot count as towards training fitting for a central examination and registration? The fact that in every instance both for State and Voluntary Registration of Nurses a central uniform examination has been prescribed, must prove that those doctors and nurses who have considered the question of nurse registration are unanimously of opinion that such a system is wise and right. We poor nurses in the United Kingdom are, indeed, to be pitied, in that we are behind every English-speaking nursing community in the world. We have not in any great number the pluck to fight for ourselves, and it is much to the advantage of many Matrons who ought to be our leaders, and who are not, to sell us to the powers that be. You report that Miss Nutting, of Baltimore, is writing the "History of Nursing"; it will be interesting to read the opinion of this real nurse leader of her colleagues' conduct in this country at this crisis of our professional career; it should be written on a black-edged page. That is the opinion of

Yours truly,

TRAINED AT ST. THOMAS'S, AND NOT EVEN
CERTIFICATED AFTER SIX YEARS' WORK.

PATIENTS FIRST.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I also think 11 p.m. far too late for change over of day and night nurse; 10 o'clock is much better for the patient and household, both for getting in meals and other things. It is not possible to get out every day at first when nursing serious cases, but two nurses who are accommodating will always help one another, stay on a bit later, or come on a bit earlier, as the case may be. "Patients first" is a good motto for nurses all round. With thanks for a weekly stimulus received in your most uplifting journal.

I remain, dear Madam,

AN EVER INTERESTED READER.

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