

ing, love story, for Aythan. Barbara Troup was an entirely charming girl, who, given more scope for development, would have been capable of rising to any heights; but the greatness demanded of her was rather passive than active. Still it was sufficient to prove her mettle, and that she was a worthy mate for Aythan.

There is very much to be said for the book, it somehow just misses being something very much greater.  
E. L. H.

#### SALUTATION OF THE DAWN.

Listen to the Exhortation of the  
Dawn! Look to this day!  
For it is Life, the very life of Life.  
In its brief course lie all the  
Varieties and Realities of your existence.  
The Bliss of Growth  
The Glory of Action  
The Splendour of Beauty;  
For yesterday is but a dream  
And to-morrow is only a vision:  
But to-day well lived makes  
Every yesterday a Dream of happiness,  
And every to-morrow a Vision of Hope.  
Look well, therefore, to this day!  
Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.

*From the Sanskrit.*

#### COMING EVENTS.

*April 22nd.*—Examination of Central Midwives' Board. Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, W.C.

*April 28th—May 1st.*—Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition, Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, Regent Street, W. Applications for tickets should be made to the Organising Secretary, 32, Sackville Street, W. Free to nurses and midwives. Among the questions discussed at the Conference will be "The County Midwife and Her Future Relationship to the State," introduced in a lecture by Dr. Victoria Bennett.

*May 1st.*—Meeting of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 4 p.m.

*May 2nd.*—Annual Meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 4.30 p.m.

*May 7th.*—Grand Concert in aid of the Shore-ditch and Bethnal Green District Nursing Association, at the Shoreditch Town Hall, 8 p.m.

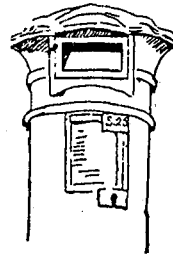
*May 11th.*—Opening of the Franco-British Exhibition, Shepherd's Bush, London, W.

#### A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"To the next generation I say, if you would have the power to develop the best that is in you begin by developing your own physique, look up to a true ideal of natural beauty, and attain to it—by soap and water, a high sense of duty, a healthy appetite, and plenty of room for digestion."  
—SARAH GRAND.

## 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.*

#### AN IRISH REGISTRATION BILL.

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

DEAR MADAM,—I was talking to an Irish M.P. about the Directory of Nurses' Bill, drawn up in London, without consulting nurses in England, to say nothing of Scotland and Ireland, and he says that should any such legislation be thrust upon Irish nurses—who are most indignant about it—by the House of Lords, he advises us to "boycott" the Directory, and Ireland shall have its own State Registration system! He says he thinks that we Irish nurses would thus soon be able to institute a system of reciprocity with our colonies where registration is in force, and also in the United States. Should this "red herring" Directory Bill be substituted for a just Registration Bill my friend thinks English nurses would not be eligible to practise nursing in any of the colonies where registration is, and will soon be, in force, without submitting to examination in the said colonies. As before long Australasia and Canada will grant legal status to trained nurses, as has been done in New Zealand, unless we also define a nursing standard we shall be excluded from working in our own colonies, and the Americans and Germans, who can be registered, will be able to walk in. How about colonial preference and Imperialism, and all the rest of it? We Irish nurses intend to have legal status, and if we cannot get it in a Bill which includes the nurses of the United Kingdom, as it ought to do, then we must have our own Registration Bill, as we are practically unanimous on this question, and have the sympathy of the medical profession in Ireland and the support of Irish members of Parliament.

Yours faithfully,

AN IRISH MATRON.

[We do not wonder the Irish nurses are losing patience over the obstruction to State Registration of persons in England who maintain inefficient nursing standards, nor that they are indignant with the latest methods of manipulating nurses without their consent. All the same, let us hang together; we shall win in the end, and we want the Irish vote when the happy day arrives, when a just Bill for the State Registration of Nurses comes up for second reading in the House of Commons. It will come.—Ed.]

#### DO DAILY FEES PAY?

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

DEAR MADAM,—I quite sympathise with "A Sufferer." I'm afraid of letting a nurse inside my doors because of the expense. I wanted one the

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