

descendant of the Prophet, and as such is revered by all Mahommedans, and looked upon by them as holy. A man of such birth and distinction is admitted by Lord Clapham to his entertainments, whilst at the Krafft's he is a constant visitor, and here Considine's only daughter, Lucrece, meets him, and loses her heart to his subtle personal charm. Needless to say, her father, who is devoted to her, is too much an American to tolerate for one moment the idea of his daughter being united to a "coloured man," and hence the "Tragedy of the Pyramids."

The most interesting male character, and Lucrece's faithful lover, is Captain Ailsa Kennedy, an ideal soldier and hero of romance. He it is round whom most of the thrilling incidents and hairbreadth escapes are woven, especially those which occur in the Battle of the Pyramids, fought against an immense Arab host by an incredibly small British force. There is, however, nothing strained or impossible, even in the wonderful rescue of Lord Clapham's only son, who has been abducted by Arabs.

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Verses.

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When the wheels of life are dragging,
When your energies are flagging,
When you feel that you would like to go
Where skies are always blue,
Don't forget the sun is shining
Somewhere! So there's no use whining,
Look out for the silver lining
In the cloud that's over you.

Keep your heart and soul on fire,
Do not falter, do not tire,
Don't grow weary in well-doing,
To your better self be true,
Keep your feet out of the mire,
Keep on climbing, higher, higher!
To the topmost peak aspire.
God wants soldiers who'll go through.

COMING EVENTS.

November 5th.—Meeting of the Executive Committee, Territorial Force Nursing Service, Mansion House, 3 p.m.

November 10th.—Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Lecture on "Pneumonia from the Medical and Nursing Point of View." By Dr. J. O. Affleck, LL.D. Extra-Mural Theatre, 4.30 p.m.

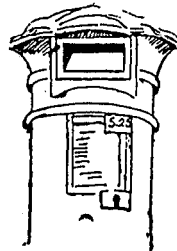
November 23rd.—Lecture on St. Francis of Assisi, by the Rev. E. F. Russell, Chaplain-General of the Guild of St. Barnabas, St. Alban's Hall, Baldwin's Gardens, 8.30 p.m.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"The Earth is for thy body, and the Sky is for thy Soul. Be thou at peace with that which thou hast made to come into being."

—Carved on the Sarcophagus of Seti I.

Letters to the Editor.



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 REGISTRATION CONTROVERSY IN SCOTLAND.

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

DEAR MADAM,—The writer of a paragraph in the *British Medical Journal* upon the Registration of nurses in Scotland goes out of his way to publish inaccuracies. Lord Amptill's Bill, he writes, "only represents nurses." As a matter of fact, we all know that Lord Amptill's Bill represents the Privy Council, the Local Government Board, the General Medical Council, the British Medical Association by three representatives (one for England, one for Scotland, and one for Ireland), and the Medico-Psychological Association. "The registration fee" is, as usual, dragged in. The old grievance of a journey to London, which appears to be looked upon by the Scottish Bill promoters as no less arduous an undertaking than a Polar Expedition, is, for a wonder, left out.

As you clearly point out in your issue of 23rd October, the registration fee in Lord Amptill's Bill and the Scottish Bill are identical—two guineas. In Lord Amptill's Bill there is an examination fee of three guineas, and Scottish nurses are quickly becoming alive to the fact that independent examination is worth its money value. Under a Bill like Lord Amptill's, examination will be conducted without bias; under a Bill such as the Scottish Bill favouritism may, and in all probability will, find full scope for development. Every hospital, good, bad, and indifferent, issuing its own certificates without any central examination will establish a system of Registration little better than no Registration at all. Was this in the minds of those who framed the Scottish Bill? Then comes the question of reciprocity. What can be the use of a Bill which will not enable Scottish nurses to register in England and Ireland? The Scottish Bill promoters, in somewhat unseemly pride, boast that Scottish training is superior to English training. If they believe this, why try to push a Bill which would prevent England and Ireland reaping the fruits of all the superior training which now crosses the Border? It would prove not a case of "Blue Bonnets Over the Border," but a case of Blue Bonnets having to remain on this side the Border!

Another point which seems to be entirely lost sight of by the Scottish Bill promoters is that in the event of the Scottish Bill becoming law (which, as someone has with much wisdom remarked, "God forbid"), all the best material which now goes into Scottish hospitals for training will drift off to England to obtain Registration on an equality with nurses of other countries when Registration is law.

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