

The Mothers' Congress of Denver, is running a special school of matrimony for the elder public school girls of the city, where they are instructed in the cares and duties of life that lie before them. Realising the value of the instruction given, the Denver School Board has decided to place the school under its jurisdiction and to considerably enlarge its sphere of responsibility. In future girls in their last school year are to choose a vocation, and then advice and instruction will be given them on their choice. Special courses fitting them for work as wives and mothers will also be arranged.

VERSES.

O ye who taste that love is sweet,
Set waymarks for all doubtful feet
That stumble on in spite of it.

Sing notes of love, that some who hear
Far off, inert, may lend an ear,
Rise up, and wonder, and draw near.

Lead life of love; that others, who
Behold your life, may kindle too
With love, and cast their lot with you.

CHRISTINA ROSETTI.

COMING EVENTS.

July 27th.—Irish Nurses' Association. Social gathering. Killiney Hill, Victoria Gate. Cyclists' meet, Park Gate, 4 p.m.

July 27th.—Meeting of Members of the Trained Women Nurses Friendly Society (approved by the National Insurance Commissioners). To elect officers and to adopt rules. Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, W., 5 p.m.

July 27th.—Prince Arthur of Connaught opens the Health Exhibition of the Royal Sanitary Institute at York, at 3 p.m.

July 29th.—International Eugenics Congress Reception, University of London, 9.30 p.m.

August 1st.—Central Midwives Board Examination. London.

August 3rd to 9th.—International Council of Nurses. Triennial Meeting. Congress. Exhibition, Cologne.

A WORD FOR THE WEEK.

The future—the last Evangel, which has included all others. *Its* cathedral the dome of immensity—hast thou seen it? Coped with the star-galaxies; paved with the green mosaic of land and ocean; and for altar, verily the star-throne of the Eternal! Its litany and psalmody the noble arts, the heroic work and suffering, and the heart-utterance of all the valiant of the sons of men. Its choir-music the ancient winds and oceans, and deep-toned, inarticulate, but most speaking voices of destiny and history, supernal even as of old, between two great Silences:

"Stars silent rest o'er us,
Graves under us silent."

—Carlyle.

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.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Many thanks for the cheque for Prize Competition, which I was surprised and delighted to receive this morning.

Yours sincerely,

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Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.

THE ORGANISATION OF NURSING HOMES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I sympathise with the main object of Miss Stower's letter, headed "A Practical Suggestion," in last week's issue, but the lack of all supervision of nursing homes is to blame for the antipathy of the public generally to these institutions. It is quite hopeless, presumably, to expect the present Government to bring in any legislation of a social reform character, as had a Bill for the registration of nursing homes been put into force when suggested years ago good organisation might have resulted by now. First should come the Nurses' Registration Act, and then an Act to register nursing homes. The public might then hope for effective protection.

Yours truly,

MEMBER R.B.N.A.

IT HANGS ON REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I was in the House of Lords in 1908 when nurses' registration was under consideration, through the Directory of Nurses Bill, and the Nurses Registration Bill, and if I remember rightly Lord Salisbury worked actively and spoke against Lord Ampthill's Bill. Now there is no doubt that had that Bill become law, many of the stories he has since heard concerning them "as would make one's hair turn," would long ago have been remedied. It is hopeful, therefore, to find Lord Salisbury (who in 1908 moved an amendment to Lord Ampthill's Bill to substitute *one* for *three* years' training as sufficient for registration) now saying publicly that "if someone turned his attention in Parliament to the inspection and registration of nursing homes he would be employing his time to great advantage."

Any real protection for the sick public in nursing homes and elsewhere hangs on registration of

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