

gram sent by the ecclesiastical head of the Swedish Church, the Archbishop of Upsala, to the Archbishop of Canterbury:—

Deeply mourning the noblest soul Anglican Christendom has given us since missionaries of old, we praise God for her bright holiness, for her good and happy home, a model of duty and diligence, simplicity and sincere communion, living and active devotion, and for all that the Lord has bestowed upon us through His handmaid. She extended her motherly vocation to far-reaching, indefatigable service. Innumerable blessings from our country, as well as from victims of war and starvation, hallow her rest. This living bond between our branches of Christ's Church is not broken, but transfigured and glorified, heightening our obligation, sanctifying our fellowship.—ARCHBISHOP IN UPSALA.

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A PRAYER AT PLANTING TIME.

BY THEDOSIA GARRISON.

Now I shall make my garden
As true men build a shrine,
An humble thing where yet shall spring
The seeds that are divine,
With each a prayer I sow them there
In reverential line.

O, little is my garden space,
But great the prayer I pray;
With every seed against earth's need
That men may sow to-day,
My hope is thrown, my faith is sown
To make the harvest gay.

O, gardens spacious, gardens small,
For you my prayer is said:
That God's own hand may touch the land
And give His people bread,
As once before on that far shore
His multitudes were fed.

COMING EVENTS.

May 19th to 24th.—Brussels Health Congress. Patron: The King of the Belgians. University of Brussels, Leopold Park, Brussels.

May 20th.—Central Midwives Board. Monthly Meeting, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, S.W.

May 26th.—The Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society. Annual General Meeting, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 5 p.m.

May 28th.—Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses. Annual Meeting, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 4 p.m.

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.

"LEST WE FORGET."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,—I cannot express how glad I was to be with you on Saturday last. There are not too many of us left, who were inspired by you in 1887, to make State Registration of nurses our aim in life, and who have consistently followed you, our General, to victory, through every imaginable obstacle raised to prevent its accomplishment. How many of us ever thought it would be a fight for 32 years? I think, what we felt on Saturday, next to our thankfulness for the very satisfactory result of your work (you would say 'ours,' but no other one of us had the brain power to start it), was the solemn feeling of responsibility placed in our hands, by the Government, and that at all costs we must remain steadfast and true, working for the uplifting of our profession. It is your knowledge, enthusiasm, and courage that have gained the victory. It is now, for the younger nurses to fall into line and help with the reconstruction. They should make up their minds *now*, what position they desire for their profession 20 years hence, and accomplish it. Just get on with it. They need not wait to be told what to do. Acquire knowledge, and impart it to others, "Lest we forget." If our pioneers realised that better teaching and organisation were required 32 years ago, how much more do we not all see the absolute necessity for them to-day? Thank you for saving the position for us.

Yours gratefully,

JULIA HURLSTON,

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**SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF
VENEREAL DISEASE.**

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—With reference to the recent correspondence that has taken place in your columns in regard to the prevention of venereal disease, I think perhaps your readers may be interested to know that the policy of my Society has been adopted by the Portsmouth Borough Council. This policy is that of the education of the public in the essential fact that venereal disease can be prevented by immediate self-disinfection.

The Portsmouth Borough Council have decided that steps shall be taken to educate the male inhabitants of the Borough in these facts. The Borough Council adopted this policy on the

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