

year on Saturday, March 23rd. Miss Edith Craig, president of the League, is organising depots at the London theatres, and many well-known actresses will assist. The Appeals Organiser, of 3, Upper Woburn Place, W.C.1, will be grateful to hear from any men or women who can spare the time to organise depots or sell daffodils.

### VERSES.

#### Daffodils.

I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils,  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.  
Continuous as the stars that shine  
And twinkle on the milky way,  
They stretched in never-ending line  
Along the margin of a bay;  
Ten thousand saw I at a glance—  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.  
The waves beside them danced, but they  
Outdid the sparkling waves in glee;  
A Poet could not but be gay  
In such a jocund company!  
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought  
What wealth the show to me had brought:  
For oft, when on my couch I lie,  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.

*William Wordsworth.*

### AIR AMBULANCE DETACHMENTS.

The air ambulance programme of the British Red Cross Society has, according to the *Bulletin*, entered upon a very active phase. In addition to the experiment described in the *Bulletin* of November, 1934—the transformation of an air liner into a flying hospital—tests were made with a Monospar machine equipped with a special stretcher platform. A volunteer was strapped to the stretcher with a patent sheet which allowed of his being carried in any position with comfort and entire immobility. The same machine had previously been used by the Red Cross during army manoeuvres for the conveyance of mock casualties from the forward area to a base hospital.

Air Ambulance Detachments are being formed in different parts of the country with a view to rendering first aid in air and aerodrome accidents. The objects of the Detachments, according to the statutes, are to train and provide personnel and, when possible, to provide air transport for sick and injured persons. Membership in the detachments is open to both sexes, and all members, with the exception of qualified medical men or women, are required to possess a recognised certificate in first aid and to pass an annual efficiency test.

Arrangements have also been completed for the training of air escorts. To qualify as an air escort, the candidate must give proof of her airworthiness and have completed ten hours of nursing duty in the air. She must also be versed in home nursing and first aid. In all other respects, she is required to conform to the regulations governing the ordinary Voluntary Aid Detachments.

As this is a most interesting branch of work, let us hope Registered Nurses may, in the future, be included and qualify as air escorts.

### WHAT TO READ.

#### BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIRS.

"Goodbye for the Present" (Stories of Two Childhoods), Eleanor Acland.  
"Forty Years On," Bishop Welldon.  
"I Go Wandering," Florence Riddell.

#### FICTION.

"Proud Servant," Margaret Irwin.  
"The Apple of Concord," Richard Church.  
"Castle in Andalusia," Elizabeth Sprigge.  
"The Chianti Flask," Mrs. Belloc Lowndes.  
"Men Never Know," Vicki Baum.  
"Christian Marlowe's Daughter," France Parkinson  
Keyes.  
"The Root and the Flower," L. M. Myers.

#### HISTORY.

"Sir Thomas More," Shane Leslie.  
"The Reign of King George V," D. C. Somervell.  
"Strafford," C. V. Wedgwood.  
"The Life of Christina of Sweden," Alfred Newmann.

### COMING EVENTS.

*March 15th.*—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Council Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

*March 16th.*—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 2.30 p.m.

*March 22nd.*—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee. Meeting to nominate Candidate for a Scholarship to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, 39, Portland Place, London, W. 3.0 p.m.

#### APRIL.

*April 24th.*—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting of Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 4.30 p.m. Tea (by invitation of the President), 4.0 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.*

#### "OUR BIT."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—Allow me to thank you for copy of the JOURNAL, in which you have kindly devoted generous space to a review of my little book, "Our Bit." To you and the writer of the commentary I am most grateful, and feel you have understood the intention behind the fragmentary record of one group of Nursing-Sisters, as shown by the excerpts.

I trust your approval will cause some English Sisters to want the book, as there is so much "Britain" in it, as well as reminiscences of a London at war thousands remember.

Thanking you again.

Sincerely yours,

MABEL CLINT.

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Montreal.

### KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

#### Suppression of Professional Opinion.

Miss Hilary H. Riggall writes: "I note in the current B.J.N., the B.C.N. Council's letters to 'Time and Tide,' You will have noticed, I expect, that correspondence still continues in that Journal, though apparently much has been suppressed. In this week's issue there is published

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