

A PERFECT DAY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Priestley entertained to luncheon and tea on July 23rd members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, at their residence, Tatmcre Place, near Hitchin, beautifully situated on the Hertfordshire hills. The day was perfect, the hospitality and kindness unlimited, and the guests spent a very happy time enjoying the lovely view and delightful music. Only members of the Council can realise the debt owed by the Nursing Profession to the Chairman, who has given in the most generous manner both time and knowledge in guiding the responsible work of the Council since its inception in May, 1920. The signing of the Rules by the Minister of Health on July 14th was naturally a matter of congratulation for all concerned in drafting them; and now that the Register is open the Council looks forward to the enthusiastic support of trained nurses in building up their profession on a solid legal basis.

LEAGUE NEWS.

At a recent Meeting of the Committee of the London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League it was decided that as it was the unanimous desire of the League to become affiliated to the International Council of Nurses full information should be obtained.

Papers and reports containing the constitution and history of the National and International Councils of Nurses have been forwarded by request to Miss Ethel Moore, the Hon. Secretary of the League.

TRAINED WOMEN NURSES APPROVED SOCIETY'S ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.

The Committee of Management (entirely composed of Trained Nurses) are pleased to be able to inform the members that a surplus has been found on the recent actuarial valuation of the Society, and that as a consequence the cash benefits of the Society will be increased as follows, from the week beginning July 4th, 1921:—

Sickness Benefit from 12s. to 14s. 6d.

Disablement Benefit from 7s. 6d. to 8s. 9d.

Benefit of Special Class (K) of Married Women, from 7s. 6d. to 8s. 9d.

These increases of cash benefits will be paid in the same way as the ordinary benefits, and consequently from the date mentioned, benefit will be paid at the higher rate.

Members who did not become insured until after December 31st, 1918, or who joined the Society after July 5th, 1920, will not be entitled to participate in these additional benefits.

THE PROFESSIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

EXAMPLE IS BETTER THAN PRECEPT.

NURSES FORM GUILD IN VICTORIA.

LONDON EXAMPLE FOLLOWED.

Realising that these are times when organisation stands for strength, a large number of the nursing profession have joined a new association known as the Trained Nurses' Guild. . . .

UNION IN LONDON.

The Professional Union of Trained Nurses formed in London on January 1st, 1920, has a very large membership, and is recognised as a factor to be reckoned with in the nursing world. . . .

Like all self-supporting women, the nurses have realised that if they are to expect desirable conditions, they must speak with one voice. . . .
—From *The Herald*, Melbourne.

MAUDE MACCALLUM,
Hon. Secretary.

We learn that the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association disapprove of the new Trained Nurses' Guild founded on a Trades Union basis, and have recorded their disapproval in the Minutes. This, we think, a serious tactical mistake. The R.V.T.N.A. is composed of doctors and nurses—the former usually occupying the chief Executive positions. Now in all countries the more advanced Nurses are following the American Nurses and medical example and forming professional groups composed entirely of Nurses. There is room nowadays for various phases of thought and professional organisation, and doctors must allow trained nurses professional privileges they claim for themselves. Both professions can then work together for the general good. We venture to think the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, on which the Nurses have a substantial majority vote, has during the past year proved that they can use it effectively and for the benefit of the community.

THE GREEK NURSING UNIT.

Nothing but good news of the splendid success of the Greek Army since our last issue; the Turks have been outmanoeuvred throughout this brilliant campaign. The quicker and more complete the victory the less carnage and suffering.

A memorial addressed to the Greek Minister, and signed by the Rev. R. F. Horton (Hampstead), the Rev. F. W. Norwood (City Temple), the Rev. J. D. Robertson (United Free Church of Scotland), the Rev. Tom Sykes (secretary, National Council of Brotherhoods), the Rev. Dinsdale T. Young and Mr. F. Herbert Stead (Robert Browning Settlement) sets forth the view "that so soon as armed pressure is removed from the Turks, it is their deliberate intention to exterminate every Armenian and Christian, man, woman, and child," and expresses the conviction that the "Greek Armies offer the one hope of deliverance for the Armenians and the other Christian peoples."

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