

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE MEETING.

After the business of the Council is concluded the guests are invited to visit the Hospital Wards. At 4.30 they will be hospitably entertained at tea, and at 5 p.m. they will have the pleasure of hearing Miss Beatrice Harraden (of "Ships that Pass in the Night" fame) speak on her "Trip to Poland." Miss Harraden did fine work for our sick and wounded during the War at the Endell Street Hospital, where she acted as Librarian and provided a constant supply of mental distraction from pain and sorrow for the patients, which, as we all know, is a wonderful help to recovery.

Miss Annie Hulme, Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council, in support of economy, asks members to bring their Agendas with them to the Meeting.

INTER-HOSPITAL SWIMMING TEAM RACE.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Tottenham Baths, when the Holmes Vase was won by Nurses Murray, Garland, Sheppard, and D. James, of Guy's Hospital. This trophy presented by the Governors of the Prince of Wales' General Hospital, Tottenham, in memory of Nurse Holmes, is intended for annual competition open to teams of nurses from London Hospitals at the Annual Gala of the Park Swimming Club, held in aid of the Hospital, at the Municipal Baths. The Hospital Cup for Life-Saving competition was won by the Park Club (Ladies). The Prince of Wales' General Hospital Nurses' Race was won by A. Grainger.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

Elsewhere in this issue a special announcement is made by the Waverley Book Company, Ltd., of 96, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4, offering to dispatch "Surgical Operations," by Mr. E. W. Hey Groves, M.B., F.R.C.S., on seven days' free examination to responsible applicants, and we would strongly advise members of the nursing profession to take advantage of this special offer, so that they may have ample opportunity to thoroughly examine this up-to-date standard work before definitely deciding with regard to purchase.

MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

Particulars of the National Milk Conference, to be held at the Guildhall, City of London, on October 16th to 18th, can be obtained from Miss H. M. Williams, Hon. Secretary, 3, Bedford Square, W.C. 1. Matters of great importance will be under discussion.

THE REGISTERED NURSES' PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL.

The following statement has been forwarded to the Right Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, Minister of Health:—

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The Syllabus of Training in General Nursing passed at a Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council on September 30th, 1922, for transmission to the Minister of Health.

The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, in general meeting assembled, earnestly petitions the Minister of Health to sign the Syllabus of Training in General Nursing framed by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and submitted for his consideration in July, 1921, in order that the Nurse Training Schools may have definite guidance and assistance in defining the teaching which shall be given to pupil nurses (probationers) in preparation for the State Examination in Nursing, following upon the precedent established by the General Medical Council for Medical Education.

The Council begs to point out:—

1. That the Syllabus of Training has been framed as the result of twelve months' work on the part of the Statutory Council appointed by Parliament to carry out this duty, and that some of the greatest experts on Nursing Education have given earnest consideration to this question.
2. That the Syllabus of Training has been unanimously approved by the General Nursing Council, and that, at its meeting on September 22nd, it declined to accede to the suggestion that the Syllabus should be temporarily withdrawn, holding that what it considered an adequate standard of nursing education had been incorporated in the Syllabus, and that the matter had now passed out of its hands into those of the Minister of Health, with whom rests the final responsibility of its acceptance or rejection.
3. That the Syllabus of Training is intended as a guide for those responsible for the teaching of nurses, in elucidation of the Syllabus of Examination, and that it is already in use, unofficially, in a number of Nurse Training Schools, both in the Voluntary Hospitals, and under Poor Law Guardians.
4. That explanation to representatives of Poor Law Training Schools, and others, that questions set in the examination of candidates for the State Examination will be limited to the Examination Syllabus and Nurses' Chart, and that the Syllabus of Training is intended as a guide to uniformity of teaching on the best lines, for those responsible for the training of nurses, would go far to minimise any opposition and misapprehension in regard to it.
5. The Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council desires to express the opinion that it would be disastrous to the organisation of nursing education,

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