

example, it is not uncommon to find a pneumonia patient soaking wet, his friends having poured cold water over him because he seemed warm! There is a great work to be done too in training native boys and girls as nurses. They are doing splendidly now, the boys doing microscopic work, testing for sleeping-sickness, &c., and the girls being well-equipped for maternity work. Their devotion to the cause is proved by the fact that the senior boys could get far higher wages at the neighbouring factory of Messrs. Lever Bros., but for the love of Jesus Christ they stay; and the senior girl has postponed her wedding for a year, so as to take charge during Miss Bell's absence. Miss Bell concluded with a plea for more workers, and with the words: "The joys far exceed the sorrows, and the years in Congo have been the happiest of my life."

The Rev. J. W. Woodhouse gave the closing address on the subject "Real Happiness." The great secret of happiness was to get away from ourselves and our own problems and progress into the lives of other people. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus Christ defined the truly happy as "the pure in heart," they of single purpose, with no divided allegiance, but wholly devoted to the cause of God. The Christian religion is the most joyful religion, and the New Testament is the most joyful Book because they centre round the joyful Personality of Jesus Christ. In His followers true joy depends upon the in-dwelling Christ—"Christ in you"—that was what brought the early Christians joyfully triumphant through every circumstance.

#### ST. LUKE'S DAY.

Nurses who acted as stewards at the Exhibition, "Africa in the East," will be glad to hear of the meeting and service arranged for St. Luke's Day, Wednesday, October 18th. At 3 p.m., in the C.M.S. House, Salisbury Square, there will be a meeting with addresses by Dr. Eleanor Dodson, of Multan, and Dr. A. R. Cook, C.M.G., of Mengo, followed by tea at 4.15. At 7.30, there will be a special Medical Mission Service in St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, when the preacher will be Dr. Henry White, of Persia. All nurses will be welcome. Both the House and the Church are quite close to Ludgate Circus.

#### AN INTERESTING CONFERENCE.

Our readers should note that an important Conference—the Eleventh Annual Conference of the British Commercial Gas Association—will take place at Bristol on October 16th, 17th and 18th, when interesting papers will be presented on the services of gas both in the domestic and industrial spheres, and there will be a lecture on the physiological effects of atmospheric pollution by a leading authority on tuberculosis.

We regret being unable to award a prize in our Competition this week, none of the papers sent in being up to the standard meriting an award. One arrived too late to take part in the competition.

## THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A Special Meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the Ministry of Health on Friday, October 6th, in the morning at 12 o'clock, when the Council met representatives of the Association of Poor Law Unions, and in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m. to consider: (1) A letter from the Minister of Health concerning regulations for the election; and (2) a letter from the Secretary of State for the Colonies with enclosures concerning regulations adopted for registration of nurses in Australia, New Zealand and Canada. The Chairman of the Council, Sir Wilmot Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., presided at both Sessions.

The Representatives of the Association of Poor Law Unions were the Rev. P. S. G. Propert, (President), Canon Glossop (St. Albans), Mr. Tom Percival (Clerk to the Tynemouth Union), and Mr. Herbert Davey, (Secretary to the Association).

THE CHAIRMAN of the Council said the procedure to be followed would be that he would invite the deputation to state their case and then ask the members of the Council in turn to ask any questions they pleased.

THE CHAIRMAN further said that when the Association wrote to the Minister they stated that they had made two requests to be heard in regard to the Syllabus of Training, but he understood that the difficulty now was the question of a Resident Medical Officer being required by the Council as necessary for the recognition of a complete Nurse Training School in connection with a Poor Law Hospital. He gathered that the Association considered certain schools fit to be regarded as complete Training Schools which did not maintain a Resident Medical Officer, and that there were 24 or 25 of such schools. He recognised the gravity of that. It was the point to which he would ask the Deputation to speak.

#### The Case for the A.P.L.U.

THE REV. P. S. G. PROPERT said that, as President of the Association, he did not propose to deal in detail with the question, which he would leave to MR. TOM PERCIVAL, who was thoroughly conversant with it, but he would remind the Council that 586 Boards out of a total of 632 were affiliated to the Association, so that he was able to say that in their negotiations with the Association they were practically dealing with the considered judgment of the whole of the Poor Law Guardians.

They had had negotiations with the Council before with happy result, and he thought it was the only way to remove misunderstanding.

On May 4th the Association, as a Council, considered recommendations made by the Education and Examination Committee of the General Nursing Council as to the Syllabus of Training, and came to the conclusion that some of the conditions were impracticable for Poor Law Institutions. They urged the Committee to see them

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