

raised in the proposed regulations of the College besides those connected with the recognition of training schools for the purposes of registration. These do not connect themselves with the point raised in the letter from Mr. Percival, but with those treated in the decisions of the Poor-Law Unions' Association, which, as we report this week, have been backed in full by the Birmingham Guardians. The Unions' Association dealt with the subject under six heads, and the question as to the recognition of training schools covers one only of these, though this is, no doubt, a most important one. But the cognate subject of representation on the College Council of Poor Law authorities, and of representatives of Poor Law training schools, as raised in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the resolution passed by the Unions' Association (and as raised, also, by the National Poor Law Officers' Association), is highly important in regard to the future of the Poor Law as associated with the College of Nursing. So long as matters remain on the present proposed basis, the local Poor Law authorities (Guardians) and their officers would be bodies extraneous from the matter of control in connection with the College. They ought, as the resolution expresses, emphatically to partake largely in the actual and active control of an organisation which on its part will—under Parliamentary powers—exercise a strong element of control over Poor Law institutions which are increasing in importance, and will continue so to increase as time proceeds. There should be no undue haste in accepting or agreeing with such alterations as may be proposed by the present Council of the College of Nursing, neither the condition of the hospitals nor that of nursing itself calls for hasty decision on new methods."

#### THE CRUX OF THE QUESTION.

The question is are professional nurses prepared to hand over the control of their Governing Body, the General Nursing Council (set up in both Registration Bills) to lay hospital governors and Poor Law Guardians, for that is practically the demand of the Poor Law Unions Association, and if not, can they trust the College Council not to give way under pressure on this principle, as they have recently done on the qualifications for registration of Poor Law Nurses?

#### LECTURES ON INFANT CARE.

The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Welfare of Infancy announce an Advanced Course of Lectures on Infant Care, for Nurses, Midwives, Health Workers, and Mothers, on Mondays and Thursdays, from January 8th to February 15th next. For further information apply to Miss Halford, Secretary, 4, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.

The Local Government Board is doing its best to induce all local authorities to adopt schemes for safeguarding the health of expectant and nursing mothers and infants and young children. The im-

portance of the provision of duly qualified health visitors—who are usually also sanitary inspectors and certified midwives—is insisted upon.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### SISTER.

Anglo American Hospital, Calro.—Miss L. Benny and Miss L. Sturt have been appointed Sisters, and leave for Egypt this week. Miss Benny was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and holds the C.M.B. certificate and one for massage. Miss Sturt was trained at St. George's Hospital, S.W.

#### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

The King has conferred the Decoration of the Royal Red Cross on the following Sisters in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

FIRST CLASS.—*Head Sister*: Miss Mildred Lloyd Hughes; *Nursing Sister*: Miss Annie Muriel Frank.

SECOND CLASS.—*Nursing Sisters*: Miss Kathleen Minnie Atkinson, Miss Lilian Phillips; *Reserve Nursing Sisters*: Miss Hilda Florence Chibnall, Miss Irene de Peyster Cave-Brown-Cave.

#### MEDALS FOR NURSES.

The Dewsbury Board of Guardians have adopted a recommendation by the Infirmary Committee on the question of presenting medals to the probationer nurses who stand highest in the examinations. It has been decided that the members of the board shall give a gold medal annually, on the understanding that a silver medal is given by the Medical Superintendent and a bronze medal by the Superintendent Nurse.

#### A HANDSOME LEGACY.

Colonel William George Collingwood, who has recently died, has left his nurse £5,000, and £500 to his male attendant.

#### HUNDRED POUNDS.

"Vexatus," writing in the *Sunday Chronicle*, states:—

"Dr. E. S. Chesser says that each new-born baby is worth £100 to the State. It is a pity that these statisticians can find no higher standard of value for humanity than the money value. For, as old Holinshead proclaimed nearly four centuries ago, 'If a forren invasion should be made a walle of men is farre better than bags of monie.'

"But, accepting the estimate, if we made an inconclusive peace now that doomed the next generation to the horrors of another war the mothers of the Empire would be justified in refusing to dower the Empire with any more hundred pounds.

"The world seems to have got hopelessly muddled in its adjustment of values. But the war has taught us that it is man value and not money value that counts."

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