

the nurse:—The standard of her physical health; the age for commencing professional training; her preliminary education and examination; her professional training, both in the hospital and the school; and her final examination before being registered as a trained nurse. Further, the creation of an advanced diploma in Nursing Science; the Public Health or Community Nurse, to administer the numerous activities concerned with the health of the people that are now being instituted; and the extension of the District Nursing system to meet the requirements of the public. On the part of the public, it is our duty to provide that the remuneration of the Trained Nurse is adequate; that her working hours are reasonable; that her holiday is sufficient to permit her to recoup her strength after her arduous professional duties; and that a suitable pension be attainable when the faculty of exercising her nursing skill becomes impaired.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Shannon Millen urged the abolition of the abomination popularly known as the "handy woman." Miss Huxley said much remained to be done to standardise the education of nurses. Dr. Craig, President Royal College of Physicians, said that he thought it a most disgraceful thing that nurses should be put in a position of feeling that they were charitable objects. He had for years been advocating that nurses should receive adequate remuneration, and that their services should be made pensionable. There should be no question of charity about it. Sir Jos. Glynn, while congratulating the lay nurses on having come into their own, reminded the meeting of the work of the pioneers in nursing among the Sisters of Mercy and kindred communities. Dr. Coey Biggar, Chairman, Irish Council of Health, said that public health matters had got an impetus, and the State was ready to pay half the services for the nursing of certain classes of cases. He hoped that in the next Public Health Bill there would be co-ordination in the manner in which grants were given to local bodies. Sir John O'Connell also took part in the discussion. Miss Michie (Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute) said that Jubilee Nurses should be paid a living wage, and be able to look forward to a pension; and Miss Reeves (Matron, Steevens' Hospital) emphasised the importance of the thorough training of nurses, and said that she would like to see definite teaching being given with a view to hospital work.

Dr. E. MacDowel Cosgrave and other speakers also addressed the meeting.

## HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on February 21st, and conferred the following Order and Decorations.

### THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE. OFFICERS.

Matron Jessie Jackson, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve (also received the Royal Red Cross, First Class).

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS AND BAR.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*—Miss Daisy Michell.

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*—Miss May Bonser and Miss Hilda Drage.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.*—Miss Edith Davenport.

*Territorial Force Nursing Service.*—Miss Mary Dickinson, Miss Maud Dunn, Miss Margaret Newbould, and Miss Edith Pilson.

*Civil Nursing Service.*—Mrs. Mary Millar.

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*—Miss Isabelle Baron, Miss Mabel Davis, Miss Laura James (also received the Military Medal), and Miss Mary McNaughton.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.*—Mrs. Mary Binks, Miss Julia Clancy, Miss Bessie Dickson, Miss Constance Eason, Miss Martha Edge, Miss Margaret Hilliard, Miss Mary Smith, Mrs. Townsend, and Miss Grace Winter.

*Territorial Force Nursing Service.*—Miss Helen Darge, Miss Louise Dennis, Miss Christina Davidson, Miss Cecilia Lister, Edith, Mrs. Mercer, and Miss Shirley Wilson.

*Civil Nursing Service.*—Miss Joan O'Sullivan and Miss Lillias Pumphrey.

*British Red Cross Society.*—Miss Lucy Hughes.

*Voluntary Aid Detachment.*—Miss Blanche Baldwin, Miss May Broadbent, the Hon. Mrs. Henrietta Leith-Hay, Mrs. Hilda Llewellyn, Miss Amy Neale, and Miss Hilda Randolph.

### THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Miss Elizabeth Eckett, Territorial Force Nursing Service, and Miss Selma Valentine, Voluntary Aid Detachment.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the Members of the Military and Civil Nursing Services who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross and the Military Medal, subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the following Ladies in recognition of their valuable nursing services in connection with the war:—

### BAR TO THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

Miss E. Holden, R.R.C., Matron, T.F.N.S., 3rd London Gen. Hosp., Wandsworth; Miss J. Melrose, R.R.C., Principal Matron, T.F.N.S., R. Infirmary, Glasgow; Miss F. N. Roberts, R.R.C., Assist. Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Alexandra Hosp., Cosham; Miss E. A. M. Wilson, R.R.C., Principal Matron, T.F.N.S., 3rd W. Gen. Hosp., Cardiff.

### ROYAL RED CROSS, FIRST CLASS.

Miss E. Bramwell, A.R.R.C., Sister, Bermondsey Mil. Hosp., Ladywell; Miss A. Brooks, Matron, King Edward VII Hosp., Windsor; Miss A. J. D. Durward,

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