

not possible to inoculate directly against influenza as we did not know the micro-organism which caused it, but great help could be obtained by vaccinating against the secondary effects by vaccines prepared from pneumococci and streptococci. He did not consider the wearing of masks by the public, practicable; the person, if any, who should wear one was the infected person; but the microbe of influenza was so minute that unless a mask was made of glass it was probably no use.

Dr. Murray Leslie strongly advocated inoculation against secondary complications, saying that the pneumococcus and the streptococcus were the chief cause of death. It was not a complete protection, but, if an inoculated person contracted the disease, he did so in a mild form. He emphasised the fact that vaccines made from material obtained in one epidemic were often not efficacious in the next. Thus vaccines prepared in the November epidemic were not sufficient now.

We gathered from this interesting Conference (1) that there is little protection at present to be obtained from the filter-passing microbe causing influenza.

(2) That protection from the secondary effects, which are the most deadly, may be obtained—

(a) By prophylactic inoculation, and that those likely to be brought in contact with influenza patients should undergo this treatment.

(b) In a minor degree by wearing masks, which afford a certain amount of protection.

## HONOURS FOR NURSES.

### SERVICE IN MESOPOTAMIA. ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The King has been pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, for valuable services rendered in connection with military operations in Mesopotamia:—

#### C.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION.)

Miss Beatrice T. Jones, R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.

#### THE NURSING SERVICES.

The King has been pleased to award the Royal Red Cross to the following ladies of the Nursing Services in recognition of their valuable services with the Forces in Mesopotamia:—

#### ROYAL RED CROSS.

##### FIRST CLASS.

Miss E. H. M. Downie, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.;  
Miss N. Nicholls, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss D.

Rothery, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss E. C. Sutton, A.R.R.C., Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

##### SECOND CLASS.

Miss M. A. Brown, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.;  
Miss C. E. Eason, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.;  
Miss M. A. Edge, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.;  
Mrs. A. M. George, T./Nurse, Temp. Nursing Serv., India; Miss C. M. Henderson, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss W. M. Jones, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss B. F. Joyce, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss A. M. Letts, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss J. Mann, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss F. M. Mendes, T./Nurse, Temp. Nursing Serv.; Miss E. A. Morris, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss F. W. Nice, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss A. Osborne, Staff Nurse, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Miss E. Swift, Sister, T.F.N.S.; Miss I. C. McL. Young, Sister, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.

The King held an Investiture in the Ball Room at Buckingham Palace on February 26th. Amongst those honoured were the following ladies, whom His Majesty decorated with the Royal Red Cross:—

##### FIRST CLASS.

*Australian Army Nursing Service.*—Sister Louisa Tobo.

##### SECOND CLASS.

*Australian Army Nursing Service.*—Sisters Ethel Butler and Elizabeth Geoghegan.

The King decorated the following ladies at Buckingham Palace last Saturday:—

##### FIRST CLASS.

Sister Jean Taggart, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

##### SECOND CLASS.

Sister Margaret Heggie, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

*Australian Army Nursing Service.*—Sister Jessie Baxter, Sister Emma Cuthbert, Sister Minnie Mears, Sister Christense Sorenson, Sister Ethel Soutar, Staff Nurse Gladys Jarrett, Staff Nurse Ethel Meade, and Staff Nurse Lilian Rutherford.

*Civil Nursing Service.*—Matron Mary Smith, Sister Helen Morton, and Sister Agnes Quinn.

*British Red Cross Society.*—Sister Maggie Jackson.

*Voluntary Aid Detachment.*—Mrs. Marguerite Clement, Mrs. Mary Hewlett Johnson, and Miss Rita Pitts.

#### THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Miss Winifred Elwes, Voluntary Aid Detachment, Ambulance Driver.

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 Investitures at Buckingham Palace.

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