

future occasion. For the moment we place the above figures on record for the information of the nursing profession and for future reference. The bare figures themselves are a stronger commentary on the past working of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and on its future financial position, than that which the most partisan critic could make.

That it should control the State Register and divert to itself the fees means life or death to the College on its present basis, unless it becomes in fact as well as in name an educational body. The College as such is at present a phantom.

### A PRACTICAL POINT.

Dr. B. H. Spilsbury, giving evidence at an inquest at St. Pancras last Saturday, stated he should not advise the giving of beans for dinner to children who were to be operated upon on the same day. The inquest was on a boy of six, who had died from asphyxia owing to undigested food getting into the air passages through vomiting whilst the lad was under the influence of an anæsthetic.

The boy, a patient at University College Hospital, was given a dinner of minced beef, potatoes, and haricot beans at noon, and operated on nearly seven hours later.

The Coroner, in recording a verdict of "Death from misadventure," said that he would advise the hospital authorities in future not to give children a meal of beans of they were to be operated upon on the same day.

We think it a good rule that no solid food should be given to children on the day of operation, and that vegetables should be specially avoided. We should like to hear the experience of trained Children's Nurses on this practical point.

### SANATORIA TREATMENT.

An Army Council Instruction, just issued, provides that the cost of treatment in sanatoria of tuberculous officers and nurses on full or half-pay will henceforth be payable out of Army funds.

Where the disability is caused in and by military service actual expenditure on treatment up to £4 14s. 6d. a week is allowed. Where the disability is aggravated by military service, two thirds of the actual expenditure up to £3 3s. a week is allowed.

Officers receiving this grant are ineligible for ration and lodging allowance. Similarly, the board and washing allowance of 21s. 6d. a week of Army and V.A.D. nurses in receipt of the grant will be reduced to 4s. a week washing allowance.

### HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King held an Investiture in the Quadrangle of Buckingham Palace on May 31st, and, amongst others, conferred the following decorations:—

#### Bar to the Royal Red Cross.

Matron Mary Davies, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., and Principal Matron Annie Gill, T.F.N.S.

#### The Royal Red Cross.

##### FIRST CLASS.

Sister Grace King, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Sister Margaret Lyons, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.; Sister Mildred Wheeler, T.F.N.S.; Matron Mabel Astley-Campbell, B.R.C.S.; and Matron Marion Parsons, U.S.A.N.S.

##### SECOND CLASS.

Q.A.I.M.N.S.R.: Sisters Margaret Caird, Agnes Coomby, Alexina Donald, and Lizzie Fletcher; Staff Nurses Hilda Franklin and Maud Plant. Civil Nursing Service: Matron Antoinette Saunders. British Red Cross Society: Matron Edith Johncock and Sister Ethel Rowling. St. John Ambulance Brigade: Matrons Rosa Phillips and Maud Ruffle. V.A.D.: Matron Minnie Joiner and Nurses Annie Kydd and Ethel Warrington. Can. A.N.S.: Sister Silla Carr-Harris.

The King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on May 29th, and conferred, amongst others, the following decorations:—

#### The Royal Red Cross.

##### SECOND CLASS.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.*—Sister Florence McClelland.

*Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.*—Assist. Matron Elizabeth Pettigrew, Sisters Lucy Calvert, Jemima Grant, Agnes O'Brien, Elizabeth Simson, and May Wilson, and Staff Nurse Winifred Jones.

*Civil Nursing Service.*—Sister Elizabeth Ramage.

*Voluntary Aid Detachment.*—Lady McMillan and Miss Margaret Vaggis.

*Canadian Army Nursing Service.*—Sisters Elizabeth Best and Dolores Massy.

Subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace on May 29th, Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the members of the Military Nursing Service who have been awarded the Royal Red Cross

### MEDALS FOR BRAVERY DURING AIR RAIDS.

Marquess Camden, Lord-Lieutenant of Kent, recently presented medals of the Order of the British Empire at Maidstone to sixteen recipients of the decoration. The awards were for bravery and devotion to duty during air raids or on occasions of explosions in munition factories. One of those decorated was Miss Spink, Matron of Margate Cottage Hospital.

We think many more of these medals might be bestowed upon the Nursing staffs of hospitals, who, during a long series of raids, performed their duties with the utmost courage and devotion—many of them, we know, at the expense of shattered nerves. It seems like a dream that we lived through such a terrific experience.

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