

agreed to, and Dr. Charles saw the little patient on the 9th March. He concurred with the diagnosis and plan of treatment, and it was decided to open the abdomen the following day. As a preparation for it, the abdomen was cleansed and a layer of sterilised boric cotton was used as a protective over the abdomen, and kept in position by a binder of iodoform gauze. Next day, after removing the binder and cotton dressings, a small portion of the latter was found adherent above the umbilicus, and in the effort to remove it, the tissue beneath peeled off, and instantly a stream of pus welled up like the jet of a fountain, quite six inches high, and kept up a steady flow for about three minutes, till no less than 24 ounces of matter had escaped.

It was perfectly healthy in colour, and devoid of shreds or clots or flocculi. Gentle pressure over the abdominal wall seemed to thoroughly empty the peritoneal cavity of its purulent contents, and when this was effected by gentle palpation, the spontaneous aperture above the umbilicus was dusted with iodoform and dressed with boric wool and iodoform gauze. There was immediate improvement in the child's general condition, there being no further rise of temperature, no pain, and no further evidence of the intestinal disturbance. The appetite improved, and the child slept and ate well. There was no soaking of the dressings up to the fourth day, when they were removed, and the child was made to wear a light flannel binder for another week. She gained flesh rapidly, and in a fortnight she was able to get about as briskly and gleefully as though she had not been ill at all. She was discharged from hospital on the 27th of March, that is 17 days after spontaneous rupture of the abdominal wall. It is now nearly 14 months since she left hospital, and she has not had a day's illness during this time. When I saw her a few days ago (8th May), I was struck with her remarkably healthy and robust appearance. The experience of this case would seem to corroborate the modern belief that tubercular peritonitis is curable by laparotomy and aseptic irrigation, on the theory, that while, in the one instance, the morbid products are removed by direct lavage, in the other, as in this case, the degenerated tubercular matter was completely thrown off in the form of healthy pus.

Nursing in Bradford.

THE proposed registration of trained nurses and sick helps in Bradford is arousing much discussion. We regret that an able letter from Dr. Whiteside Hime, on this subject, is unavoidably held over.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses.

WE are requested to give notice that a General Meeting will be held at the Hospital, in the Great Hall, on Saturday, July the 7th, at 3 p.m.

On the conclusion of business, the Meeting will resolve itself into a Social Gathering.



It is understood that several Members of the League, resident abroad, are at present in England. As their temporary addresses are

not known, no official notice of the above Meeting can be sent them. It is hoped, therefore, that they may become aware of the Meeting through the medium of the RECORD.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the late Matron and Superintendent of Nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, received the following letter of invitation to join the League, in accepting which she replied "that the honour was all on her side."
35, Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W.

May 5th, 1900.
DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—I am directed by the Executive Committee of the League of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, which met yesterday, to invite you to honour the League by becoming a member.

We all have a grateful remembrance of your splendid work in the hospital during the time of your Matronship.

With kind regards.

Believe me, sincerely yours,
E. SPENCER, Hon. Sec.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.

- Miss Cawker.
- Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.
- Miss K. French.
- Mrs. Gardner.
- Miss Garnett.
- " M. B. Gordon.
- " Hilliard.
- " Lloyd.
- " Hilda Maw.
- " Katherine Monk (Sister Matron, King's College Hospital).
- " Maria Pitt.
- " Poynton.
- " Alice Pretty (Sister Kenton).
- " Jeanette Stevens (Matron, Convalescent Home, St. Anne's-on-Sea).
- " Hannah Turner (Lady Superintendent, Children's Hospital, Pendlebury).
- " Tyler (Matron, Clinical Hospital, Manchester).
- Mrs. Watson.

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