

*Treatment.*—Restore activity to the glandular functions by producing a copious flow of bile; podophyllin in one-twentieth grain doses: if a catarrhal condition remains, then, and not till then, are astringents indicated. In each of these three varieties all food should be withheld for a short time, thirst being allayed with barley water: the child does not usually suffer from want of nourishment for a day or two.

4. **DYSPEPTIC DIARRHŒA.**—The whole management here is a question of artificial feeding rather than the administration of medicine. There are two varieties:—

(a) *Acid* (fermented): discharge leaden in colour, acid in reaction and sour.

(b) *Alkaline* (decomposed): grass-green stool, alkaline in reaction, foul and offensive. In both stools curds of undigested food are present.

*Treatment.*—In (a) withdraw all carbohydrate foods, milk, &c., and administer beef-juice, albumin water and meat broth: in (b) these foods should be prohibited and carbohydrates given.

The above notes will, we think, be of much practical utility to all nurses concerned in the care of children.

#### INFLUENZA AND THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Dr. J. M. Mosher concludes that: (1) The infection of influenza produces a toxin, which has a severe and selected action upon the nervous system. (2) The immediate effects of this toxin are shown in affections of the peripheral nerves and the cerebro-spinal centres. (3) The remote effects are manifested in lowered tone of the nervous system, predisposing to other diseases. (4) These ensuing diseases arise in weakened or predisposed organs, giving rise to the different classes of "respiratory," "alimentary," "genito-urinary," and "circulatory" forms of influenza. (5) Post-influenzal insanities are also a complication of the post-influenzal states of nervous debility, in patients mentally predisposed. (6) The post-influenzal insanities are not essentially different from other insanities due to vital depression. (7) The prognosis of influenzal affections is generally good under proper management. (8) Exception to this is in influenzal affections arising during the course of other severe diseases, as pneumonia and general paralysis, and during senility complicated by mental or physical deterioration.

## Appointments.

### MATRON.

Miss S. A. Villiers has been appointed Matron at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Tooting Graveney. She was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has held the position of Night Superintendent at the South Eastern Hospital, New Cross, and Assistant Matron at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill. Miss Villiers is a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses.

Miss A. Thomas has been appointed Matron of the Park Hospital, Hither Green, Lewisham. She was trained at the General Hospital, Birmingham, and has held the position of Charge Nurse and Night Superintendent at the Brook Hospital, and is at present Assistant Matron at the Grove Hospital, Tooting.

Miss Alice Melville has been appointed Matron of the County Antrim Infirmary, Lisburn. She received her training at the Northern Hospital, Liverpool, where she subsequently held the position of Ward Sister. She has recently been Night Superintendent at the David Lewis Hospital.

Miss M. Lamble has been appointed Matron at the Memorial Cottage Hospital, Leek. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmary and Eye Hospital, where she also held the appointment of Charge Nurse, and has also been Sister at the Ulster Hospital for Women and Children, Belfast, Sister and Night Superintendent at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, and Sister at the Royal Berks Hospital, Reading.

### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Mrs. D. Coburn-Coulton has been appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Croydon Union Infirmary. She has held the positions of Superintendent of Nurses at the Tower Hamlets Dispensary, Nurse Matron of the Nursing Home at Stepney, has acted as lecturer on nursing and hygiene for the Northampton County Council, and is at present lecturer on nursing under the London School Board.

Miss Elizabeth Susannah Owen has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Stapelton Union Hospital. She holds the three years certificate of the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has done private nursing in connection with this institution. She has also held the positions of Staff Nurse at Toxeth Park Infirmary, Liverpool, the Union Infirmary, Sheffield, and Gore Farm Hospital, Darenth, and Superintendent Nurse at the Union Infirmary, Luton, and at the Stepney Union Infirmary, Bromley-by-Bow. She was trained in midwifery at St. Clement's Maternity Home, Hammersmith, and holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

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