

pressed, the needle pointing upwards, until the fluid makes exit at the point of the needle, driving all air before it. If the syringe be one whose piston descends by a screw no further preparation is necessary. If the piston be simply pushed, it must be pressed in until it corresponds on the barrel of the syringe with the necessary number of drops to be injected.

The skin in the region where the injection is to be made should be disinfected in the usual way. (If a subconjunctival injection be required, it is well to anæsthetise by a drop of cocain, and then irrigate the conjunctiva.) The nurse now picks up a fold of skin between her left thumb and forefinger, and grasping the junction of needle and syringe in her right hand, with a quick stab pierces the skin, so that the needle passes about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch into the subcutaneous tissue between the layers of the fold. The long axis of the fold corresponding to the long axis of the needle. The tissue carried before the point is apt to block the lumen, so the needle must be withdrawn a little. Now the left hand drops the fold and catches the barrel of the syringe between the thumb and the index and middle fingers, while the ring-finger compresses the skin round the needle puncture and prevents escape of the fluid. This leaves the right hand free to attend to the piston. As soon as the necessary quantity has been injected, the needle is withdrawn; the ring-finger keeping up its pressure over the puncture. Slight massage is sometimes practised over the area in which the fluid is injected, to diffuse it more rapidly.

In the case of the conjunctiva, the needle is thrust through the membrane in the region of the fornix into the lax subconjunctival tissue. The fluid distends the spaces, and the swelling which results, persists for the greater part of a day.

(To be continued.)

Gifts from the Queen.

Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Princess Victoria, paid a visit on Monday afternoon to the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, of which her Majesty is patron, and went through the wards, giving a present to each child.

The recent deaths of four nurses on the London Hospital Nursing Staff have cast quite a gloom over the Nursing School. Nurses Brewster and Loweth have given many years of faithful service to the Institution, and Probationers Barrens and Grey will also be sincerely mourned.

Appointments.

MATRON.

Miss Eva Priest has been appointed matron of the Isolation Hospital, Douglas, Isle of Man. She was trained for three years at the Liverpool Workhouse Hospital, Brownlow Hill, and has held the position of District Nurse at Gresford, N. Wales, Charge Nurse at the City Hospital North, Liverpool, Charge Nurse at the Park Fever Hospital, London, and Superintendent and Assistant-Matron at the City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool.

Miss Jane Blair-Craig has been appointed Matron of the Lunatic Asylum, Coton Hill, Stafford. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and for eight years held the position of Sister at the Victoria Infirmary in the same city. Recently she has acted as Assistant-Matron at the Stirling District Asylum, Larbert, N.B.

Miss Laura King has been appointed Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Abingdon. She was trained for four years at the St. Helen's Hospital, and subsequently was appointed Sister at the Borough Sanatorium in the same town.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Miss Janet Little Burgess has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Rawcliffe Hospital and Chorley Dispensary, Chorley. She was trained for three years at the County Infirmary, Carlisle, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Samaritan Free Hospital, Marylebone Road, Night Sister at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, and Sister at the Hospital for Women, Chelsea.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss F. E. Gibbon has been appointed Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton. She received her training at the Royal Infirmary Liverpool, and for the last two years has held the position of Theatre Sister at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

Miss Rosa C. B. Watts has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Blackburn Infirmary. She was trained and certificated at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, where she has since held the positions of Ward Sister and Theatre Sister.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss Katherine Platt has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Hampstead Infirmary. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and has held the position of Sister at the Stockport Infirmary, and of Superintendent Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Hull, and at the Aston Workhouse Infirmary. She holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

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