

Such is Credé's original method. By its universal adoption ophthalmia neonatorum could be almost stamped out, as it has already been in well-conducted Maternity Hospitals. Nor is any alteration in the procedure needed. In as much, however, as silver nitrate sets up a pretty acute catarrh from its irritation, protargol is often employed now in ten or twenty per cent. solution in its stead.

It too often happens from one cause or another that these precautions are not taken, and the child is brought with the disease well established. If treatment be undertaken before the cornea has been attacked, ninety per cent. of cases should recover completely.

It is therefore important to see the cornea from a view towards prognosis. The child must be held with its back towards you as you sit in a chair, and the head lowered so that it rests on your knees and can be held between them. It must be remembered throughout that the discharge is extremely infectious, and therefore in Hospital practice, if possible, the nurse who is looking after purulent cases should not have any operations under her care. If by chance this is impossible the purulent cases must be seen after the others, and special receivers and towels kept apart for their use.

The upper lid may be gently raised by the finger in an attempt to see the cornea. This will often be found impossible with gentle efforts owing to the spasmodic contraction of the orbicularis and swelling of the lid. If there is any difficulty force must not on any account be used.

(To be continued.)

A Doctor's Devotion to Duty.

A splendid story of a doctor's devotion is told by the Paris correspondent of the *Yorkshire Observer*. After the disaster to the pilgrim train, whilst the dead were being laid aside, a man, himself severely injured, rushed among the wounded, staunching blood, bandaging cuts, and setting bones. From a deep gouge that had ploughed along his own skull the blood poured down his face, at times completely blinding him. Binding a napkin round his head, he worked on with feverish energy until by six o'clock in the evening every injured person had received first aid at his own hands—except himself. Then he took train to Compiègne, where he arrived at ten p.m., and was immediately seized with syncope. Then, for the first time, he received medical attention. This medical man was Dr. van Vassele, the doctor travelling with the pilgrim train.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Amy Bullock has been appointed Lady Superintendent at the Nurses' Hostel, Horsham. She was trained for a year at All Hallow's Hospital, Ditchingham, and subsequently for three years at the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, Vincent Square, Westminster, and three years at the London Hospital. She has acted as temporary Matron of the Infirmary of St. Nicholas Industrial School, Manor Park, Assistant Matron at St. Mary's Infirmary, Islington, and Home Sister at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.

MATRON.

Miss Winifred Flintham has been appointed Matron of the Sister Dora Convalescent Hospital, Milford, near Stafford. She was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and since 1891 has been Head Nurse at St. Bartholomew's Convalescent Home, Swanley, Kent. She is a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses.

Miss C. W. Gordon has been appointed Matron of Gainsborough Home, South Cliff, Scarborough, a branch of the Retreat at York. Miss Gordon was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and for some time past has held the position of Assistant Matron at the Retreat, York. She is a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses.

Miss Myra Bushnell has been appointed Matron of the Wrexham Joint Fever Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and at the Brook Fever Hospital, Shooter's Hill, where she has held the position of Charge Nurse.

Miss C. Beeton has been appointed Matron of the Frimley Urban District Isolation Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Eastern Fever Hospital, Homerton.

SISTER.

Miss Maude Hendy has been appointed Sister at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum. She was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Sister at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, and at the Monmouth and County Hospital, Monmouth.

Miss Florence Mary Moles has been appointed Sister at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, where she has held the position of Staff Nurse. She has also held the position of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Hither Green, and Sister at the Fulham Infirmary.

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