

solely in their own compounds. In Chapter V. of the report, which deals with the prevention of malaria in Bathurst, a campaign against the mosquito is advocated, that town being judged specially suitable for its success. Bathurst is situated on a practically isolated piece of land surrounded on nearly all sides by a broad expanse of sea water. The amount of land to be dealt with is comparatively small, viz., about a square mile. The surface is fairly level and sandy, absorbing water readily. In this area the breeding places of mosquitoes are a known quantity, the artificial, or those made by man, being in excess of the natural. The rainfall is very small, and rain occurs in only four out of the twelve months of the year. The probability of the introduction into Bathurst of yellow fever from Senegal is pointed out as another reason for attacking the mosquito.

ANTI-MOSQUITO REGULATIONS.

The expedition was empowered by the Acting Governor of the Gambia, on behalf of the Colonial Government, to enter on a crusade against the mosquito, and on November 18th the preliminary removal of rubbish from houses and compounds began, and a sanitary inspector was appointed and received special instructions in the work. Under him worked a gang of labourers, and at the time of the departure of the expedition, on January 10th, 363 houses and compounds had been inspected. From these, 131 cartloads of old tin pots and other rubbish were removed. On the return of the Governor (Sir George C. Denton), the inspector and a sufficient staff of labourers were appointed permanently, and a grant of £200 per annum was given for the special anti-mosquito work. Anti-mosquito regulations have been drawn up by the Colonial Government. These are given at the end of the report. An appendix by Mr. F. V. Theobald, M.A., is attached to the report, and in it are described the various species of mosquitoes collected by the expedition, many of which were new to science.

THE GERM OF SMALL-POX.

The *New York Medical Journal* says of Dr. Councilman's investigations of the germ of small-pox, that he has done a distinct service to science, though he may only have extended the path that is ultimately to lead to an exact knowledge of the subject. Certain minute parasites have been found to be present in the pock, and in the tissues surrounding it. Dr. Councilman believes that these are the germs of small-pox.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Margaret M'Lellan has been appointed Matron to the Fever Hospital, Dartford. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Perth, and then entered the Brook Fever Hospital, Shooter's Hill, where she has successively held the posts of Charge Nurse, Night Superintendent, and Housekeeper.

Miss Louisa Rich has been appointed Matron of the Uckfield Cottage Hospital. She was trained at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, and has since worked at the Cottage Hospital, Dawlish, and the Sherborne Hospital.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Elizabeth Forsyth has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Farmfield Certified Inebriate Reformatory. She was trained at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and the Royal Infirmary, Dundee. Miss Forsyth has held the following posts:—Night Superintendent, St. Saviour's Infirmary, Dulwich; Assistant Matron, Temperance Hospital, London; and is at present Matron of St. Anne's Home for Convalescent Children at Herne Bay.

NURSE-MATRON.

Miss S. M. Messum has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Enfield Cottage Hospital. She was trained for three years at the Sunderland Infirmary, and was for two years Sister of Women's Wards at the General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, and for nearly three years Night Sister at the Royal Berkshire Hospital at Reading.

SISTERS.

Miss E. Pearce has been appointed Sister of Women's Wards at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary. She was trained for three years at the Westminster Hospital, London, upon the staff of which hospital she remained altogether five and a half years. Miss Pearce has also worked for two years for Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and held the following appointments:—Charge Nurse Ilkeston Hospital, and temporary duty at the Saffron Walden Hospital, and she also holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

Miss Randle has been appointed Sister of Women's Wards at the Bolton Infirmary. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth, and has also held the position of Sister at the Stockport Infirmary.

STAFF NURSES.

Miss Cordelia MacKay and Miss Marion Waugh have been appointed Staff Nurses at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh. Miss MacKay received her training at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, and Miss Waugh at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary.

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