

treatment has no effect in shortening the course of the disease, but it prevents suppuration and the resultant deep pitting. He claims that by the exclusion of ordinary light the mortality may be reduced by one-half.

"Naunyn has used Finsen's plan with considerable success. By means of blinds, and curtains over the doors, the chemically active rays were excluded, and the extensive suppuration of the pustules ceased. The general condition and temperature chart were favourably affected. Only one case, a severe confluent type, succumbed. Naunyn thinks that there is no doubt that the red-light treatment is of value, but he insists on the necessity of really excluding the chemically active rays. The ventilation requires particular attention.

"Another observer who is convinced that the exclusion of the chemically active and ultra-violet rays lessens suppuration is Baer. He used thick red curtains carefully nailed over the windows. Examination with the spectroscope showed that only red rays passed through. All examinations of the patients were carried out with candle or lamp light. The cases treated were fairly severe types. The effect of the red light was unmistakable. In several cases there was no secondary suppurative fever. The rapid drying up of the vesicles was very noticeable. Two fatal cases died apparently chiefly from the involvement of the mucous membrane, on which the red-light treatment has no effect. In these two cases, however, the cutaneous vesicles remained serous. The danger of severe pitting is certainly diminished. Finsen states that where only a few vesicles are becoming pustular the red-light treatment prevents the remaining vesicles becoming pustular; but in one case of Baer's this effect was not obtained, and the pustulation involved the remaining vesicles, although there was no rise of temperature. Reinoso at the International Congress of Medicine, held at Madrid in April, 1903, read a communication on the treatment of measles by Finsen's plan. The exclusion of the white rays has a distinctly favourable effect on the conjunctivitis. The red-light treatment is purely symptomatic. It has no effect in shortening the course of the disease, nor are complications prevented."

THE GERM OF DYSENTERY.

Dr. Castellani, the Ceylon bacteriologist, has succeeded in discovering the bacillus of dysentery. He is now engaged in preparing an anti-dysentery serum and vaccine.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Gertrude A. Hemrick has been appointed Matron of the Brighton, Hove, and Sussex Ear and Throat Hospital. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, where she has also held the position of Sister.

Miss Mary Carpenter has been appointed Matron at the Victoria Hospital, Accrington, where she has also held the position of Ward Sister.

Miss H. M. Mooney has been appointed Matron at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Weston-super-Mare. She was trained at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, where she has held the position of Sister, Night Sister, and Matron's Assistant. She has also had experience in the nursing of fevers and small-pox, and has held the position of Matron at the Rushcliff Isolation Hospital, Hucknall.

Miss R. C. M. Bird has been appointed Nurse-Matron at the Memorial Cottage Hospital, St. Andrews. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Sister at the Hospital for Women, Liverpool; Sister at the Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh; and Nurse-Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Axminster.

SISTERS.

Miss Jessie E. Ashe has been appointed Sister at the City Isolation Hospitals, Coventry. She was trained at the Chorlton Union Hospitals, Manchester, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at Prescott Infirmary, and of Sister at the Ruchill Fever Hospital, Glasgow. She holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

Miss Isabella Fardon has been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, in connection with which she has also done private nursing.

Miss E. Homesfield has been appointed Sister at the Wirral Children's Hospital, Birkenhead. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Derby.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss E. Constance Page has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Union Infirmary, Maidenhead. She was trained at the Greenwich Infirmary, and has held the position of Night Superintendent at Her Majesty's Hospital, Stepney. She holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

CHARGE NURSES.

Miss Ethel Mary Arr has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Newport (Monmouthshire) Workhouse Infirmary, in which institution she received her training.

Miss Constance Smith has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Liverpool City Fever Hospital, North. She was trained at the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool.

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