

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Laura E. Clifton has been appointed Matron at the District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne. She was trained at Westminster Hospital, and has held the positions of Lady Superintendent of the Swansea and South Wales Nursing Institute, Matron of the Infectious Hospital, Alcester, and Assistant Matron at the Western Hospital Fulham.

Miss R. A. Hall has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Worthing Isolation Hospital. She was trained at the London Hospital, and at the Cancer Hospital, Brompton. She has also held the positions of Night Superintendent and Sister at the Plaistow Isolation Hospital.

Miss M. Elliott has been appointed Nurse-Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Newton Abbot. She was trained at the Richmond, Whitworth and Hardwicke Hospitals, Dublin, and held the position of Sister at the Infirmary, Birmingham, and the Fever Hospital, Bucknall, and of Superintendent Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Cheadle.

SISTERS.

Miss Jennie Earley has been appointed Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Rothwell, near Leeds. She was trained at the City Hospital, Nottingham, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Nottingham Smallpox Hospital.

Miss C. M. Cubitt has been appointed Sister at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover. She was trained at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax, of Charge Nurse at the Eye Hospital, Oxford, and of Head Nurse at the Hospital, Worthing.

DISTRICT NURSE.

Miss Jane Snowdon has been appointed Nurse in connection with the Idle and District Nursing Association. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Nurse at the Miller Memorial Hospital, Greenwich, Charge Nurse at the General Hospital, Stroud, Head Nurse at the Union Infirmary, Sheffield, and Night Superintendent at the Kensington Infirmary. In 1894 she joined the Registered Nurses' Society, and did good work in this connection till 1898, when she went out to India to nurse the plague, remaining there till 1901.

CHARGE NURSE.

Miss Martha Mawson has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Ipswich. She was trained in connection with the Northern Workhouse Nursing Association, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Williston.

A Case of Pruritus with Sequelæ of Nephritis and Cystitis.

The following case, which I met with last summer, may be of interest to the readers of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, as I have been nursing many years and come across nothing at all like it.

The patient was an educated woman of nearly forty, hard at work up to the night she was admitted to the hospital, her work being exhausting both to mind and body. For some weeks she had complained of violent itching in the neighbourhood of the vulva and anus, coming on at intervals, but usually worse at night.

This was met by constant bathing, various ointments, or lead and opium lotion, but with no result, the patient still being at work.

When the parts were sore with constant rubbing, and walking was difficult, she consulted a gynecologist, who gave it as his opinion that the cause of the trouble was endometritis, and that curetting was indicated.

Two days after the condition became so acute, and the parts so swollen, that it was decided to operate immediately.

The patient was prepared in the usual manner. She had a very bad night, no sleep being obtained on account of the ceaseless irritation. There was a constant desire to pass urine, which caused much pain as it flowed over the sore parts.

The following morning the operation was performed; the anæsthetic used was ether, and the patient was placed in the lithotomy position.

The operation was quick and very simple, a lysol douche being given, and the external parts almost scrubbed with it to remove crusts formed over the sores. The os was slightly dilated, the uterus scraped, a cyanide plug (about 12 in. long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. broad) inserted, a $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. morphia suppository given per rectum, and the patient removed to bed. There was slight anæsthetic sickness, and on awakening the only complaint was of abdominal discomfort, and not of the external parts at all.

A good night followed, but the next day the itching began, and increased in violence till the parts were again raw and swollen. I wish here to emphasise the extreme misery of this condition, no respite being obtained from the itching, which is worse to bear than pain. Pain was caused on micturition, which was frequent, the dread of it seeming to cause a constant feeling of desire. The only position of any comfort was lying on the face, with legs well apart.

The third day the plug was removed, and during four days hot lysol douches were given and weak lysol applied to the inflamed surface as an evaporating lotion.

The irritation increased by leaps and bounds, appearing now in patches on the arms, legs and trunk.

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