

between January and April of the present year 500 cases and 200 deaths. It has also spread through Polish Russia and as far as Minsk. But the records from Russia are scanty in number and contradictory, so that it is extremely probable that the disease has spread much farther than this, and it is even stated that Finland has not escaped. The malady does not seem to attack the community as a whole—like the influenza, for instance. Except in the case of barracks, prisons, penitentiaries, and the like, it does not seem to spread from one individual to another. In Germany, so far, in but one case in a thousand has there been more than one patient in the same house. It does not spread in schools, and hardly any cases are reported from hospitals. In only exceptional cases have doctors and nurses attending on the sufferers contracted the disease. But it is asserted that healthy individuals may carry the disease from a contaminated district and convey it to others, themselves remaining apparently immune. In certain cases horses and cattle may convey the disease, and it is said that they contract a similar complaint at the same time that the spotted fever is raging in the vicinity. In Silesia this complaint swept away from 75 to 80 per cent. of the stock affected. Other influences at work are density of population, overwork, defective dwellings, and inferior food. The epidemics rage in spring and winter, and the warm weather does not seem to check the development of the malady. It is the child—and especially the very young child—that is selected by the epidemic as its victim. Young children who recover are particularly exposed to the danger of becoming deaf-mutes.

LEPROLIN.

We regret to say that the hope of a curative treatment of leprosy, by means of Leprolin, which, employed by Captain E. R. Rost, of the Indian Medical Service, had a markedly beneficial action in alleviating the symptoms of the disease, has not been fulfilled. The *Times* states that experiments were conducted for some months at the Pasteur Institute, Kasauli, under every possible condition which Captain Rost could suggest for their success. The result, however, was a total failure, it being found that when the precautions possible in a well-equipped laboratory were taken to exclude errors from contamination, no growth whatever in the media inoculated with leprosy bacilli took place.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Lizzie White has been appointed Matron at the Hospital, Bideford. She received her training at the East London Hospital for Children, and at King's College Hospital.

Miss M. G. Hill has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the training-ship *Cornwall* off Purfleet. She was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and St. Mary's Hospital, and was Staff Nurse at the West London Hospital. She worked for five years in connection with the Army Nursing Service in South Africa, and was awarded the Royal Red Cross after the siege of Ladysmith.

SISTERS.

Miss Katherine Louisa Keen has been appointed Ward Sister at the Shoreditch Infirmary. She received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the position of Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and the North Staffordshire Infirmary.

Miss Margaret M. Greene has been appointed Ward Sister at the Joint Infectious Hospital, Dewsbury. She was trained at the Hospital, King's Lynn, and has held the position of Sister at the General Hospital, Croydon, the Dewsbury and District General Infirmary, the Salop General Infirmary, Shrewsbury, and the Lewisham Infirmary.

Miss Eva Cameron Lowe has been appointed Sister at the Southwark Infirmary, in which institution she received her training.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss G. M. M. Evans has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Workhouse Infirmary, Strood, Rochester. She received her training at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham, and was subsequently promoted to the posts of Night Superintendent and Ward Sister. She also held the latter position at the Croydon Infirmary. She is certified under the Central Midwives' Board.

CHARGE NURSE.

Miss Edith Sime has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Colne and Holme Fever Hospital. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, and has had experience in infectious nursing at the Ham Green Fever Hospital, Bristol.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS AT HOME.—*Staff Nurse*: Miss L. M. Draper, to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

PROMOTIONS.—The undermentioned Staff Nurses to be Sisters: Miss F. G. P. de Stourza Zrinyi, Miss H. M. Drage, Miss L. M. Moor, Miss A. M. Pagan, Miss M. E. Richardson, Miss L. M. Toller, Miss L. F. A. Waller, Miss A. Willes.

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