

a permanent epileptic. Again, defects of special senses may arise—*e.g.*, in the eye and ear, which are not due to local disease in these organs, and the sight or hearing may be permanently impaired or even lost on one or both sides.

Similar lesions in the spinal cord may lead to various forms of chronic spinal cord disease. Thus muscles may waste as in poliomyelitis anterior, or ataxia or rigidity appear, which may slowly resolve, remain stationary, or develop further.

Lastly, peripheral neuritis in its various forms may occur, and in all sorts of parts. As might *à priori* be expected, the prognosis in the peripheral neuritis group is more favourable than in that where the central nervous system, spinal or cerebral, is involved.

Looked at simply as the sequelæ of sun-stroke the possible nervous ailments form a bewildering list, but when referred to their common pathological cause, *viz.*, degenerative changes resulting from the action of high temperature upon the more delicate and highly organised constituents of the nervous system, their explanation appears simple, and all that remains in a given case, so far as diagnosis is concerned, is to ascertain why this or that part of the nervous system was specially involved or failed to recover like the rest.

The principle of treatment is obvious. If the consequences are the result of the action of high temperature, the temperature must be brought down without a moment's delay so soon as the condition is recognised. Antipyretics take too long to act, and have disadvantages of their own.

The cold bath is the only effective means of treatment, and it matters not how cold it is. The cold bath will save life, and its early use prevents the degenerations upon which the nervous sequelæ depend.

#### THE EPIDEMIC OF YELLOW FEVER.

The *Lancet* says that the situation in New Orleans has changed greatly for the better since the officials of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service took charge. The quarantines are being enforced with more reason and less violence now that the people are beginning to realise the correctness of the mosquito theory. Sunday, August 20th, was sulphur day, and by common consent all householders of Southern Louisiana fumigated their dwellings with brimstone or pyrethrum, so that very few mosquitoes are left alive in the towns.

## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

Miss Mary Christmas has been appointed Matron of St. Monica's Hospital for Children, Brondesbury Park, N.W. She has had good experience to fit her for this position, as after training in general nursing, she held successively the posts of Staff Nurse and Sister at the Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich, Night Superintendent at the Children's Hospital, Paddington Green, London, W., and Sister at St. Monica's Hospital.

Miss Jeannie Rennie has been appointed Matron at the Gravesend Hospital. She was trained at the London Hospital, where she held the positions of Staff Nurse and Sister. She has also been Matron at Bolingbroke House, Wandsworth, and Home Sister and Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

Miss Sophia Mumby has been appointed Matron of the Hospital for Women, Brighton. She was trained at the London Hospital, in which institution she has held the position of Staff Nurse and Sister.

Mrs. Lavinia Scott has been appointed Matron of the South Rotherham, Handsworth and Keveton Park Isolation Hospital, Swallownest Sheffield. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and has held the position of Matron at the Eston Sanatorium, and at the Harrogate and Knarborough Joint Hospital.

Miss Lucy M. Gowan has been appointed Matron at the Cottage Hospital, Totnes. She received her training at the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonard's, and has held the position of Nurse at the Camberwell Infirmary.

Miss Lily Alberta Houston has been appointed Matron of the Ebbw Vale Accident Hospital. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and worked for over four years on the staff of Westminster Hospital, and at present holds the position of Ward Sister at the West Ham Infirmary. She has also had nursing experience in a Private Surgical Home in London.

### SISTERS.

Miss Jean J. Anderson has been appointed Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Derby. She was trained at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, in which institution she has held the positions of Sister and Night Superintendent.

Miss E. M. Plomby has been appointed Sister at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. She received her training at the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

### TOWN NURSE.

Miss Morris has been appointed by the Noble Trustees Town Nurse in Peel, Isle of Man.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The undermentioned lady to be Staff Nurse (provisionally)—Miss Mary Barton.

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