

the operation the injured man, who had previously been comatose, recovered considerably, and this condition lasted for two or three hours, after which he relapsed into unconsciousness. The lumbar puncture was repeated on the following day and for eight days afterwards. The quantity of blood obtained diminished progressively and as it diminished so the patient recovered his clearness of mind. Six weeks after his admission to the hospital he was quite well. Seven cases of recovery out of seven cases treated is a very remarkable result and it well shows the confidence which can be placed in this new method of treatment. Lumbar puncture no doubt brings about a diminution of the intracranial tension but probably also it has a good effect in diminishing the phenomena due to the reabsorption of blood which gives rise to the coma and the delirium.

The result of the treatment of further cases by the same method will be awaited with interest.

PROLONGED LAVAGE A PREVENTIVE OF ETHER-VOMITING AFTER OPERATION.

In *Surgery, Gynaecology, and Obstetrics*, Dr. George S. Brown assumes that it is the presence of ether in the system that causes the vomiting after operation by its direct effect on the vomiting centre in the brain or its irritant effect on the stomach. He considers the appropriate treatment of the condition to be the washing of the ether out of the blood as rapidly as possible. Much of the ether is eliminated by the stomach, and if lavage is begun before the patient becomes conscious, and is continued for some time, the ether is rapidly eliminated and the vomiting avoided. When the ether is all out of the blood, vomiting ceases; but this may require three or four days. The patient should be kept well under ether, so that the tube can be introduced without causing retching. The lavage is continued until two and a half gallons of water have been introduced and removed. The last washwater will not smell of ether, the sleep will pass off in an hour or two, and at the end of twelve hours the breath will not smell of it. During the last three years this method has prevented ether vomiting absolutely in the author's cases.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Victoria Daunt, Night Sister and Acting Matron of the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, has been appointed Lady Superintendent of Nursing at the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury, in place of Miss M. Brew, retired on pension after over thirty years' service. Miss Daunt was one of a very large number of applicants, and was trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital, and was successively Theatre Sister, Sister of a Women's Surgical and Gynæcological Ward, and Sister of a Men's Surgical Ward; she then went to the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic as Night Sister, eventually holding the position of Housekeeper Sister and acting as Matron during the Matron's absence.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Annie B. Dane has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Poor Law Infirmary, Highfield. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has held the position of Assistant Superintendent at a Dublin Fever Hospital, and of Night Superintendent at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

SISTERS.

Miss Minnie E. R. Barr has been appointed Sister at the Kaisr-el-Aini Hospital, Cairo. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and has been Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

SUPERINTENDENT OF NIGHT NURSES.

Miss Edith Addison has been appointed Superintendent of Night Nurses at the City Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Walker Gate, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She was trained for three years at the Westminster Hospital, and worked for a year on the private staff of that hospital. She has also had three years' experience of infectious work at the Fountain Hospital, Tooting, and has held the position of Sister for six months at the West Ham Infirmary.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

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

POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS ABROAD.—*Sisters*: Miss A. M. Pagan, to Pretoria, Miss A. A. Wilson, to Middelburg, Cape Colony, on arrival from England.

Staff Nurse: Miss F. M. MacGregor, to Middelburg, Transvaal, on arrival from England.

HELD IN READINESS FOR ABROAD.—*Staff Nurse*: Miss A. M. MacCormac.

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