

hours the puncture gives no further trouble. These injections may be repeated after a few days, and 250 cc. administered twice a week. At the end of a month the horse may again be bled. From two to twelve "bleedings" may be obtained from one horse.

The strength of antitoxin is measured by units. A unit is a variable quantity, and may be as much as one-tenth or as little as one-fiftieth of a drop. It is just that quantity which will save the life of a half-pound guinea-pig which has had one hundred fatal doses of toxin. One thousand and two thousand units are protective doses; three thousand and four thousand units are curative doses.

The United States Government maintains a close watch over the laboratories, and a standard of units is sent them every two months. This is the Government standard made by the Laboratory of Public Health and Marine Hospital Service at Washington. This standard compares exactly with the German unit. The Government has inspectors to watch the conditions under which this work is carried on at the laboratories. Their products are purchased in the open market, and sent to Washington. Should these fall below standard, their licence would be revoked.—*Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast.*

Irish Nursing Notes.

On the 19th inst. Mr. R. J. Johnstone, F.R.C.S., gave a most interesting lecture to the members of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association on "What a nurse can do for Uterine Cancer." The lecture was held in the Club-room, 16, Crane's Buildings, Wellington Place, Belfast. Over 40 members were present. In the course of his lecture Mr. Johnstone spoke of the great campaign which is being carried on at the present time in Germany against uterine cancer, and how since it has been started the percentage of successful operations has increased through the general public recognising how necessary it is for the disease to be treated in its earliest stages. The lecturer said how much power the nurse had in her hands in combatting with this disease, as it frequently happened that a patient would confide in her nurse before saying anything to her medical man, and that it was every nurse's duty to try to persuade the patient to undergo a proper examination where she had any suspicion of malignant disease.

A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Johnstone by Miss Mahaffy, Matron of the Richmond Nursing Home, and seconded by Lady Hermione Blackwood, President of the Ulster Branch of the Association.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest Victoria Park, E.—Miss A. Stuart Cameron has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Dumfries Hospital, and has held the position of Night Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Preston; Ward Sister at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton; Home Sister at Moorfields Eye Hospital, City Road, E.C.; and for the last seventeen months that of Assistant Matron at the above Hospital.

Salford Royal Hospital.—Miss Mildred Nodal has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, E., and has held the position of Assistant Matron at the National Hospital, Queen-Square, Bloomsbury, and is at present Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Birmingham.

Essex and Colchester Hospital, Colchester.—Miss Clara H. Bannister has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital, E., where she holds the position of Sister.

London Orphan Asylum, Watford.—Miss Fanny E. Gibbon has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the position of Theatre Sister at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, of Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, and of Home Sister at the Nurses' Home of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

Middlesex Hospital, W.—Miss Victoria Daunt has been appointed Assistant Matron at Middlesex Hospital. She was trained at the Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway Road, N., where she afterwards held the position of Sister. She was afterwards Night Sister and Housekeeping Sister at the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, until appointed to the Matronship of the Great Northern Hospital in March last. Miss Daunt has now taken up her duties at Middlesex Hospital, and Miss Hull, formerly Matron at the Great Northern Hospital, is temporarily discharging the Matron's duties there until Miss A. M. Bird, who has recently been appointed to this office, can go into residence.

SISTERS.

St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W.—Several appointments have recently been made to the position of Sister. Miss Maldon has been appointed Sister in Thistlethwayte Ward, Miss Palk Sister of the Isolation Ward, Miss Stones Sister in Lewis-Loyd Ward, and Miss Creeleigh Sister in Victoria-Ward.

Colne and Holme Joint Isolation Fever Hospital.—Miss E. Fullerton Smith has been appointed Sister. She was trained for three years at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has held the position of Sister at the Nordrach-on-Dee Consumptive Hospital, and at the Stanmore Convalescent Home.

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