

a tenderness or sticky feeling in his gums and teeth, must be at once noted and reported.

*Salicylate of soda and quinine* both after a time affect the sense of hearing. The patient will, whilst becoming partially deaf to external sounds, complain of a "singing" or "ringing of bells" constantly in his ears. The former drug also affects the sight of many persons, causing them to see visions in much the same way as does Indian hemp. This frequently first manifests itself at night, and is not a little alarming to the private nurse if she be unprepared for it.

*Belladonna* and the preparations from it.—The three points to be watched for are:—(1) dryness of the mouth and throat, (2) dilatation of the pupils, (3) a rapid pulse.

*Carbolic Acid*.—The colour of the patient's urine must be carefully observed, and any indications of it becoming dark green or brown at once reported to the physician.

*Iodide of Potassium* causes in some cases the same symptoms as a bad cold in the head. Complaints also of a coppery taste in the mouth must be reported, and any signs of a skin eruption.

*Alcohol*.—The nurse must carefully watch the patient's temperature and pulse, reporting at once any increased rapidity of the latter or any restlessness and delirium.

Another class of drugs, of which opium, arsenic, ether and cocaine are examples, if taken continuously, tend to lose their effect as the system becomes habituated to them, and the doses have to be gradually increased to obtain the desired effects. After a while the patient becomes miserable if deprived of the drug in question, and will resort to extreme measures to obtain it. Any attempt to escape from such a thralldom is accompanied by an extreme amount of suffering.

### Marriage Bells.

THE marriage of Miss Emmie Lofts, late Matron of Lewisham Infirmary, with Mr. George Frederic Wates, is to take place at Snaresbrook on October 31st, to which ceremony many nurse friends have been bidden.

Upon resigning her post at Lewisham, Miss Lofts received many gifts, the Staff of the Infirmary presenting her with a writing-table, chair and other articles.

We are glad to learn that Miss Lofts means to remember that "once a nurse, always a nurse," and when she is settled in her new home, she intends to give what personal service she can spare from other duties, to taking an active interest in nursing affairs. This is right, and we know of plenty of work for the benefit of nurses waiting for willing hands to do.

### Appointments.

#### NURSE MATRON.

MISS HELEN WILSON has been appointed Nurse Matron of H.M. Female Convict Prison Infirmary, Aylesbury. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, of which institution she holds the silver medal for five years' service. She also holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

#### ASSISTANT MATRON.

MISS G. RABARTS has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Infirmary, Isleworth. She was trained at the Marylebone Infirmary, and has held the position of Ward Sister at the Dulwich Infirmary. For the last four years she has held the position of Night Superintendent at the Isleworth Infirmary.

#### SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS AGNES BOWEN has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Lancaster Union Infirmary. She was trained at the New Infirmary, Birmingham, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Chester Union Infirmary. Miss Bowen holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

#### WARD SISTER.

MISS LUCY EASTMEAD has been appointed Ward Sister at the East London Hospital for Children. She was trained at the Children's Hospital, Liverpool, and the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton. She has also held the position of Night Sister at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.

MISS JESSIE SMITH has been appointed Out-patient Sister at the East London Hospital for Children. She was trained at King's College Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, and, temporarily at King's College Hospital.

### On Duty.

SEVERAL letters have recently appeared detailing the round of social amenities in which members of the Army Nursing Reserve have been engaged in South Africa. We know that a large number of the Sisters have worked hard and well, but it is certain that many unsuitable women have been sent out, and the stories of the time spent in amusements while patients are dying, do not sound well, or in accordance with the high traditions of well-trained nurses. The good work of earnest women is in some danger of being lost sight of, and belittled by the frivolities of those of less single purpose. The duties which nurses went out to perform are stern and arduous, and the evening dresses which formed part of the outfits of some of the Reserve Nurses would have been better left at home.

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