

tonsils. This is, in the majority of cases, a very simple proceeding, but there are some instances in which they have to be enucleated under an anæsthetic. In such operations, hæmorrhage is very free, and plenty of sponges or swabs mounted on handles are required. Often, tonsils are removed at the same time as the adenoid operation is done, either with the guillotine, or by enucleation.

Virol.

A remarkable case of one of the most fatal conditions of stomach disease, was recently published in the *Lancet*. The patient, aged 22 years, a general servant, was admitted into the Miller Hospital, at Greenwich, with every symptom of a perforating gastric ulcer. She had previously suffered from anæmia, but there was no history of indigestion. The evening before her admission to the hospital, she was suddenly seized with violent abdominal pain, after which she vomited once. On admission, the pain was evidently extreme, the pulse was 146, the respiration 52, and the temperature 103 degrees. Abdominal section was performed at once, gas escaping freely as soon as the cavity was opened. A layer of organised lymph almost as thick as the palm of the hand was found on the front surface of the stomach, covering three elevated and dusky spots, each being the size of a six-penny piece. The stomach was firmly fixed by adhesions, and the tissues generally around it seemed to have been matted together. It is probable, therefore, that the ulceration of the stomach was of considerable standing, even if there had not been any previous perforation. An interesting point about the after treatment of the case, for nurses, is that marked improvement in the patient's condition took place as soon as Virol, even in one drachm doses was administered, "the patient putting on flesh and gaining colour." The Virol was suspended after about a month, but had to be resumed "as she did not seem to get on so well without it." Finally she was able to take half an ounce, three times a day, after food, and she completely recovered strength and health. All who have nursed such cases as these will be struck with the remarkable effects ascribed to Virol in this instance; and the preparation will doubtless receive extensive trials in similar cases in future.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS LUCY A. CORNWELL has been appointed Matron of the Urmston Cottage Hospital, vice Miss H. Stork, resigned. Miss Cornwell was trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and subsequently was for five years Sister of male surgical wards in the same institution. Since that time she has held the position of Matron of the Sidmouth Cottage Hospital for two years, and of District Nurse at Abingdon for three years.

MISS E. DANIEL has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Dawlish. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, with which institution she was connected for six years, during which time she gained much experience in medical and surgical work, and in the nursing of private patients. She has excellent testimonials both from members of the medical staff of the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and also from Miss Brothed, a former Matron of the Institution and now Lady Superintendent of the Hospital, Ipswich.

MISS C. RIGNEY has been appointed Matron of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Convalescent Institution, Carlisle. She received her training at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, where she subsequently held successively the positions of Ward Sister, Home Sister, Night Superintendent, and Assistant Lady Superintendent. After a period of twelve years' service in the same institution Miss Rigney was appointed Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, and subsequently Matron at the General Hospital, Swansea, which post she resigned in November last for family reasons.

MISS WORRALL, of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, has been appointed Matron of the Ladies' Charity, and Lying-in Hospital, Birkenhead.

MISS MARY BARWICK has been appointed Matron of the Wrexham Infirmary. Miss Barwick was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has held the appointments of Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Bridgend, and of the Pembroke-shire and Haverfordwest Infirmary. Her appointment as Matron of the Smallwood Hospital, Redditch, which we chronicled last week, is of a temporary nature.

MISS E. MORE has been appointed Matron of the Lady Hozier Convalescent Home, Lanark. She was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, where she has held the posts of Dispensary Sister, and Assistant Matron.

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