

seed, which, by the way, is about a centimetre in length and lies hidden within a small oily kernel, led to their utter destruction. He usually administered from six to ten seeds on the first day, and twelve on the second, in which time a change for the better generally became apparent. Dr. Mougeot claims that 871 out of 879 cases proved successful.

ATHREPSIA INFANTUM MARASMUS OR WASTING DISEASE; ATROPHY; MALASSIMILATION OF FOOD,

Dr. Louis Fischer (*Journal of the American Medical Association*) states that Dr. Parrot was the first to define this disease, and he classified it into three stages: (1) The infant suffers from a simple diarrhoea; the stools are liquid, curdy, often green, and contain an excessive quantity of mucus. The abdomen is distended with gas. Stomatitis appears. The infant is restless and sleepless. The tissues become flabby, and wasting commences. (2) The symptoms are intensified. The temperature falls below normal. The wasting is extreme. (3) The third stage brings the child into a moribund state. Death then ensues. By far the greatest number of cases of athrepsia are found in bottle-fed children, though there are many among breast-fed children. The treatment consists in removing the cause. Medication amounts to nothing in the treatment. The blandest and least irritating food must be selected, while frequent weighing of the infants should be resorted to in order to ascertain their progress. When there is much diarrhoea milk must be used sparingly, or altogether omitted for a while. Small quantities of whey and barley water, white of egg and barley water, or the juice of a rare chop or steak may be given at short intervals during the day and night. As soon as the diarrhoea begins to improve milk in some form may be allowed.

TREATMENT OF TETANUS BY BACELLI'S METHOD.

Dr. Bacelli's method of treating tetanus consists in the administration of a 2 or 3 per cent. solution of carbolic acid, in doses of 3 to 4 centigrammes several times a day, as much as 35 centigrammes being given in one day without any ill effects. Dr. Ascoli, in a monograph, states that in 33 cases there was only one death, and in this the treatment had been less energetic. Morphia is used during the first few days to allay insomnia and hyperæsthesia.

Appointments.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Florence Weddall has been appointed Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the City Isolation Hospital, Nottingham. She received her training at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Royal Hospital for Sick Women and Children, Bristol. She also acted for a short time as Nurse at the Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss Rose Wills Pascoe has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Bierlow Union Infirmary, Eccleshall. She was trained and certificated at King's College Hospital, London, and has held the position of Night Superintendent at the Fulham Infirmary, and of Superintendent Nurse at the Union Infirmary, Middlesborough. She holds a certificate in midwifery from Queen Charlotte's Hospital, and is also a certificated masseuse.

CHARGE NURSE.

Miss Ethel Florence Joy has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Hampstead Workhouse Infirmary. She was trained at the Worthing Hospital, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Greenwich Infirmary, and of Charge Nurse at the Infirmary, Islington.

Miss Florence M. Birkin has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Infirmary, Eccleshall. She was trained and certificated at the Marylebone Infirmary, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Northern Convalescent Fever Hospital, and the Union Infirmary, Keighley, and of Sister at the New Infirmary, Wakefield.

A Windfall for a London Hospital.

The trustees of the Frank James' Memorial Home for Seamen at East Cowes have offered the Home to the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund for London, under certain conditions. These are that the Fund will choose a London hospital requiring a Convalescent Home for its patients. Messrs. Arthur and William James have undertaken to endow the Home to the extent of £10,000. A hospital needing a Convalescent Home should be easy to find, but the area of selection is limited, inasmuch as the trustees are desirous, if possible, that a hospital for sailors should be chosen. The desire is a natural one, because the Frank James' Memorial Home was intended for the benefit of aged seamen. We have one sailors' hospital in the area of the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund, namely, the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, with its branch at the Albert Dock.

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