

always be prepared and placed in readiness, so as to be immediately at hand, if any untoward symptoms occur.

The danger in chloroform, in most instances, lies in heart failure. Ether, on the other hand, acts as stimulant to the vascular system.

One point must be remembered, if the latter is employed; its vapours are highly inflammable; no flame must be brought near the patient; and if the actual cautery is to be used, ether cannot be administered.

When nervousness alone compels the administration of a general anæsthetic, the previous instillation of cocain will render deep narcosis unnecessary, and therefore give less likelihood of after vomiting.

This is the great trouble where either chloroform or ether have been employed. If the patient sleep quietly for an hour or two after operation, vomiting is rarely troublesome, but if it occur it may cause not only serious local disturbance of the wound, but also general symptoms. Even death has resulted from consequent exhaustion. In some instances, where previous experience leads the anæsthetist to fear its recurrence, a subcutaneous injection of morphia immediately after the operation appears to prevent vomiting.

If it has set in, all food must be withheld from the mouth, only occasional sips of hot water given. Clearly the nurse must avoid disturbing the patient more than is necessary in the hours following the administration.

Various remedies have been recommended for this condition; a weak solution of Tincture of Iodine, one drop in an ounce of water, is not infrequently employed with good results, or the surgeon may order dilute hydrocyanic acid *mij* or *iiij*.

If necessary nutrient enemata must be administered to preserve the patient's strength.

(To be continued.)

International News.

Miss J. H. Milne, Matron of the General Hospital, Launceston, Tasmania, has accepted the position of Hon. Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses for Tasmania. In notifying her consent to act Miss Milne writes that she has followed the work of the International Council with the deepest interest, and greatly looks forward to the publication of the papers read at the Buffalo Congress. She is thus well acquainted with the work of the Council since its formation, and as she holds a leading position in the Tasmanian Nursing World, she is excellently qualified to represent Tasmania in the Nurses' Council of the world.

Appointments.

MATRON.

Miss Dora Pressland has been appointed Matron of the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield. Miss Pressland began her training at the London Fever Hospital, Islington, where she remained for three years, after which she obtained her general training at the Cardiff Infirmary. She was then appointed Nurse Matron of the Hatfield Broad Oak Cottage Hospital, and subsequently held the position of Assistant Matron at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne. She was then for a time part proprietor of a private hospital in the same city, and since 1898 has held the position of Matron of the Durham County Hospital. Miss Eaton, the present Matron of the Clayton Hospital, who has resigned after nine years' excellent service, has purchased a Nursing Home in Wakefield.

Miss Leonora Bolton, of the Nurses' Home, Granville Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Victoria Cottage Hospital, Morpeth. She received her training at the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesborough, where she worked for six years, since which time she has had considerable experience in both Hospital and Private Nursing.

Miss K. M. Mooney has been appointed Matron to the Thetford Urban and Thetford and Brandon Rural District Council's Small-pox Isolation Hospital. She at present holds the position of Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Norwich.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Annie Dowbiggan has been appointed Assistant Matron at St. Leonard's Infirmary, Shoreditch. She was trained and certificated at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Park Fever Hospital under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Theatre and Casualty Sister at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth, and Head Sister at Moseley Hall Children's Hospital, near Birmingham.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Mary C. Beavan has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook, Dublin. She was trained for one year at the General Hospital, Cheltenham, and holds the certificate of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, where she worked for five years, and for the last few years has been a member of the Private Nursing Staff of this institution.

Miss Rosetta Emma Harris has been appointed Night Superintendent at St. Leonard's Infirmary, Shoreditch. She was trained and certificated at King's College Hospital, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Royal National Hospital, Ventnor, and Ward Sister at the Bethnal Green Infirmary.

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