

Improper diet is not alone accountable for the kidney complications. Exposure to dampness and cold is as frequently a cause. Many mild cases of scarlet fever have ended fatally during the stage of convalescence from exposure and improper clothing. Attacks of rheumatism following this fever are frequently caused by these errors. Disease attacking the lungs after a severe case of scarlet fever is very common and is liable to terminate fatally. The same care both as to rest in bed and restrictions of diet should be adhered to as has been given for other complications. At any stage of the fever diphtheria is liable to appear, but if the throat has been thoroughly cared for according to the physician's directions this may be prevented. Deafness, which often occurs, may be avoided by the proper care of the throat, thus preventing the spread of the inflammation to the ears. From the large number of fatal complications likely to attack a patient convalescing, it will be seen that a great responsibility rests on the nurse who has charge of the case. In country places, the attending physician is liable to discontinue his calls, or make them less frequently as the patient begins to show signs of recovery, and there is no one but the nurse to discover when anything is wrong. A urinometer should be kept at hand, and the temperature should be taken for at least ten days once or twice a day after the patient has apparently recovered. During this time the nurse must be on the look out for any signs of bloating, and as long as she remains with the patient she should keep watch of the urine and the digestive organs, and also see that the skin is often anointed as the desquamation progresses; the latter prevents catching cold as well as lessening the danger of spreading the disease by means of poisoned cuticle.—*The Trained Nurse.*

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Miss Mabel Cave, Matron of the Westminster Hospital, has been appointed by the Secretary of State for War to the vacant seat on the Nursing Board of the above Service, caused by the resignation of Miss Gordon, the late Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital. Miss Cave was trained at the London Hospital, where she held the position of Office Sister. In 1897 she was appointed Matron of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, where she remained until her appointment to her present position, in August, 1898.

We learn that Miss H. C. Norman, the Lady Superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, has resigned her position. In future the Superintendent of Nursing at Netley will rank as one of the principal Matrons in the above Service.

Wedding Bells.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Harold Grimdale, F.R.C.S., Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, and Miss Todd, until recently Sister of the eye wards, Ratcliffe and Cholmondeley, in the same institution. The engagement is of special interest to the readers of this journal, as Mr. Grimdale's articles on the Nursing of Diseases of the Eye have been widely read and appreciated; and Miss Todd is a sister of the Matron of the National Sanatorium, Bournemouth, who is also well known to our readers by her contributions. Much regret at Miss Todd's resignation of her position is felt at St. George's, where she was a very popular Sister, and many good wishes are expressed for her future happiness.

The wedding took place last week, at St. Mary's, Warkworth, of Major Richard Stretton de Winton (only surviving son of the late Sir Francis de Winton) and Miss Alice Agatha Cautley Higgs, who for two and a-half years nursed in South African military hospitals as a member of the Army Nursing Service Reserve. The bridegroom, who is in the Garrison Artillery, also served in South Africa, and was on special duty with a pom-pom from August, 1899, until quite recently. The bride was given away by her father, and Captain Dudley du Chair acted as best man. A reception was subsequently held by Mrs. Higgs at Overthorpe House, lent for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blacklock, after which the bride and bridegroom left for The Pentre, South Wales, where the early days of the honeymoon will be spent.

Another recent wedding was that of Miss Adelaide M. Taylor to Mr. William Boyd, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, which took place at St. Michael's Church, Byker. The bride was until recently a member of the Registered Nurses' Society; her work in this capacity was much appreciated by her patients, and many good wishes for her happiness will follow her in her new life.

The engagement is announced of Dr. F. Charlesworth, of Zanzibar, and Miss M. F. Ram, who is at present acting as Matron of the English Hospital in the island, maintained by the Universities Mission to Central Africa. Dr. Charlesworth has, since the hospital was opened in 1892, acted as the medical attendant of the European patients in this hospital, and both the nursing staff and patients are indebted to him not only for his untiring skill and care in sickness, but for many personal kindnesses. Miss Ram was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and for the last four years has been a member of the Universities Mission, during which time she has worked on the staff of the hospital. We are sure that many good wishes for their future happiness will be felt and expressed by both past and present members of the nursing staff of the English Hospital.

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