

the Rangoon Hospital, announces in the *Indian Medical Gazette* an important discovery.

He has found, he says, in both carcinomata and sarcomata cancers distinct germs of saccharomycetes, which can develop only when the natural chlorine in the tissues falls below the normal quantity. Following this clue, Captain Rost devised a treatment to reinforce the chlorine in the body by a special diet, enabling large quantities of common salt, which contains chlorine, to be absorbed.

Tried on eight cancer patients, the treatment produced what is declared to be a complete cure of one sufferer and improvement in others.

Captain Rost is continuing his experiments, but progress is necessarily slow, partly owing to the drastic nature of the treatment and the consequent difficulty to persuade patients to persevere.

The discovery must withstand the test of further scrutiny before the medical profession of India will be inclined to admit that a cure has been really found. Captain Rost belongs to the same service as Major Ronald Ross, the discoverer of the now triumphantly vindicated mosquito theory of malaria.

CITRIC ACID TREATMENT OF OZÆNA.

Dr. Hamm (*Munch. Med. Woch.*) treats ozæna with citric acid in the following way: The patient uses every morning a nasal douche, and frees, as far as possible, the nasal fossa from pus and crusts. He then insufflates three times a day into the nostril a powder composed of citric acid and sugar of milk, equal parts. The deodorising action of the citric acid is so strong that it causes all odour to disappear, even when the powder is insufflated without the previous cleansing from pus and crust. The odour disappears immediately, and does not reappear after the insufflations have been discontinued for some days. Finally, the secretion is even found diminished. The author has observed a case of cure having lasted for some months. The odour gradually reappeared again, to disappear anew under the influence of the citric acid. This treatment exercises a favourable action on the general condition, especially in young women with anæmia and failing appetite, symptoms due in most to a psychic depression which this odour produces, and thus renders their lives almost intolerable. When the odour is removed, the patients take courage, become more cheerful, and eat with a better appetite.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Evelyn Kitching has been appointed Matron of the Bridgwater Infirmary. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Ward Sister at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, Ward Sister and Assistant Matron at the National Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, and for nearly three years she worked in Military Hospitals in South Africa in connection with the Army Nursing Service Reserve.

Miss Annie Bramwell has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Axminster, Devonshire. She was trained for three years at Charing Cross Hospital, and subsequently at the City of London Lying-In Hospital. She has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Hither Green, Night Sister at the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, Night Sister at the Children's Infirmary, Liverpool, and Matron at the Llandrindod Wells Hospital and Convalescent Home.

Miss Jeannie Rennie has been appointed Matron of Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W. She was trained at the London Hospital, where she has also held the position of Sister.

SISTER.

Miss Louise Richards has been appointed Sister at St. Mary, Islington, Infirmary, Highgate Hill. She was trained at the Lewisham Infirmary, and for the last two years has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Brook Hospital, Shooters Hill.

Miss Annie Moir has been appointed Sister at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. She was trained at the Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, and has held the positions of Night Sister and of Ward Sister at the North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple.

Miss Gertrude Mary Nash has been appointed Sister at the Union Infirmary, Sheffield. She was trained at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum.

Miss Nancy Jones has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of Mallett Ward at the Infirmary and Dispensary, Bolton. Miss Jones received her training in the same institution.

NIGHT SISTER.

Miss Mary L. Parker has been appointed Night Sister at the Staffordshire General Infirmary. She was trained at the Swansea General and Eye Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Margaret Williams has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Infirmary, Shrewsbury. She was trained at the Infirmary and Dispensary, Bolton, where, after obtaining a three years' certificate of training, she was appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Theatre, Out-Patient Department, and Ophthalmic Ward, which position she held for two years.

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