

if he does not succumb, is left in a bad condition requiring refined nursing, a talent not found in all hospitals.

"The after and abiding bedside care is not to be found in many institutions; if you will visit your patient just before you leave the hospital you will often fail to find a nurse in the patient's room. The private sanatorium gave us the first good nurses and training-schools, and it is from these that we get the more successful and competent nurses for good work in surgery."

He referred very briefly to materials, and said: "Animal ligatures give us at the present time about all the common accidents and deaths from hæmorrhage, tetanus and sepsis. Occasionally we hear of a report of acute or chronic sepsis in a case or a series of cases, in which animal ligatures were used, whereas it is simply impossible to infect a patient with a boiled or steamed pure, fine silk. Good operators give animal ligatures a re-trial and then go back to pure silk. The medical supply carpet-bagger is a dangerous man; he always has Murphy, Morris, or Deaver silk, needle or instrument O.K.-ed by Murphy, Morris, or Deaver, and the Maine or Texas doctor buys it at once. Commercial articles give the beginner, the young operator throughout the forty-seven States, a mortality he should not have.

"The preparation of materials by any of you in your hospital and used by clean well-schooled hands is safe and rarely gives a mortality, but pure silk and silkworm gut are the safest and strongest of all materials. Gauze is a drainage dressing and takes the best care of the wound of all materials ever tried. Cleanliness, and everlasting vigilance in cleanliness from the very inception of an operation, in patient, nurse, operator and environs, distances infection."

INSANITY IN NEW YORK.

According to the *British Medical Journal*, the statistics of the New York State Commission in Lunacy show that there has been an increase in the number of insane in the State during the past year amounting to about 40 per cent. above the normal. The observations of the Commissioners indicate that there is a relation between the increase of insanity and the development of industries which is sufficiently pronounced to render doubtful the popular belief, that the isolation and monotony of farm life are conducive to insanity, especially among women.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss M. A. Isabel Thomas has been appointed Matron of the Bromsgrove District and Redditch Infectious Hospital, Bromsgrove. She was trained at the Grantham and Huddersfield Hospitals, and has been Matron of the Small-pox Hospital, Hull, and at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Cambridge.

Miss Filley has been appointed Matron of the Victoria Infirmary, Helensburgh. She has recently held the position of Assistant Matron in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

Miss Rumble has been appointed Matron of the Skin Hospital, Birmingham. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and the Milton Fever Hospital, Portsmouth, and has held the position of Sister-in-Charge of the Out-patient Department at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

Miss Marjorie Cotter has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Cottage Hospital and Nurses' Home, Morpeth. She was trained at the Fulham Infirmary, and has held the position of Charge Nurse in a Medical and Surgical Home, Notting Hill, and at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill. She has also had some experience of private nursing.

SISTERS.

Miss Margaret Phillips has been appointed Ophthalmic Sister at the Infirmary, Cardiff, in which institution she received her training.

Miss Gertrude Mary Palmer has been appointed Sister at the Milton Hospital, Portsmouth. She was trained at Fir Vale Infirmary, Sheffield, where she has also held the position of Sister. She has also held the position of Charge Nurse at the South-Eastern Hospital, New Cross.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF NIGHT NURSES.

Miss Ruth Marsh has been appointed Superintendent of Night Nurses at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. She was trained at the General Hospital, Leeds, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She at present holds the position of Night Superintendent at the General Infirmary, Chester.

Miss Alice Radcliffe has been appointed Night Superintendent at the Union Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne. She was trained at the Chorlton Union Hospitals, near Manchester, and has held the position of Sister in the Maternity Ward at St. Luke's Hospital, Halifax. Miss Radcliffe, who has had some experience of private nursing, holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

DISTRICT NURSE.

Miss Amy Slowe has been appointed District Nurse in connection with the Morpeth Cottage Hospital and Nurses' Home. She was trained at the County Hospital, Bedford, and at the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth. She has also worked at the Cottage Hospital, Oswestry, and has had some experience of private nursing.

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