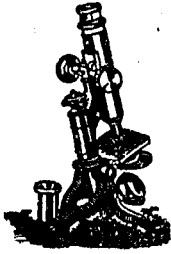


Medical Matters.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON TUBERCULOSIS.



So striking are the results which the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis has so far obtained that the Commissioners have thought it their duty to publish a short interim report without delay. The first line of inquiry was as to the effects produced by the introduction into the bovine animal, either as food or by subcutaneous injection, of tuberculous material of human origin, and as to how far the effects differed from or resembled those produced by introducing into the bovine animal, under conditions as similar as possible, tuberculous material of bovine origin. More than twenty different "strains" of tuberculous material of human origin were used in these experiments, seven of which at once gave rise in the animal to acute tuberculosis. In the case of the other animals which were less seriously affected, material was transferred from them to other bovine animals or to guinea pigs, and re-transferred, and ultimately gave rise in the bovine animal to general tuberculosis of an intense character. In the result the Commissioners declare that careful comparison of the disease set up in the bovine animal by material of human origin with that set up by material of bovine origin has shown them to be identical. Their conclusion is that "it would be most unwise to frame or modify legislative measures in accordance with the view that human and bovine tubercle bacilli both are specifically different from each other, and that the disease caused by the one is a wholly different thing from the disease caused by the other."

INTERNATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS CONGRESS.

The second International Tuberculosis Conference has just been held in the Parliament House at Copenhagen. The Crown Prince of Denmark and other Royal princes were present, and 200 medical men took part in the proceedings. An interesting feature of the gathering was the demonstration by Herr Budde, a Danish engineer, of an entirely new process of sterilising milk. Competent authorities describe the discovery as epoch-making. Briefly, it consists of the generation of oxygen, by which bacilli of all kinds are entirely destroyed without the properties of the milk being in any way impaired. The discovery was recently wrongly attributed to Professor Behring.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss M. Gray has been appointed Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Salisbury. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and afterwards worked in connection with its private nursing institution. She has also held the position of Charge Nurse at the Salisbury Isolation Hospital.

Miss Gertrude MacCarthy has been appointed Matron of Woodlands Convalescent Home, Rawdon, Leeds. She was trained at Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Hither Green, Sister at the Borough Sanatorium, St. Helen's, and Assistant Matron at the Convalescent Home, New Brighton.

Miss Sarah Trainer, of the Sanatorium, Burnley, has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Tamworth.

Miss Gertrude A. Heinrick, the recently-appointed Matron of the Throat and Ear Hospital, Brighton, was trained at the Cottage Hospital, Warminster, and at St. Thomas's Hospital, where she held the position of Staff Nurse. She has held the position of Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Bromsgrove, and has taken holiday duty at the East London Hospital for Children in the same capacity.

SISTER.

Miss J. E. Cooke has been appointed Sister at the Coventry City Isolation Hospital. She was trained at the Chorlton Union Hospital, Manchester, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at Prescott Infirmary, and of Sister at the Ruchill Fever Hospital. She holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss H. Noble has been appointed Night Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and has held the position of Sister at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.

CHARGE NURSES.

Miss Frances Hall has been appointed Charge Nurse at Bucknall Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent. She was trained at the Isolation Hospital, Willesden, where she has held the position of Sister.

Miss Sarah A. Mountford has been appointed Charge Nurse in the same institution. She was trained at St. Marylebone Infirmary, and has had experience in infectious nursing.

The Society for State Registration.

The Hon. Secretary will be obliged if the members of the above Society will note that no communications will be answered for the next ten days, as she will be in Berlin.

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