

Schrön, of the University of Naples, who claims to have isolated the bacillus of pulmonary consumption, which, he says, differs from that of tubercular disease.

The failure of Professor Koch's serum in the former malady, notwithstanding its efficacy in the case of the latter, is now held to be explained. Professor Schrön, in a lecture to the medical students of the University, showed specimens of the microbe highly magnified.

THYROID FUNCTIONS AND EPILEPSY.

Dr. Crisafulli (*Il Morgagni*) reports the case of a man, aged twenty, who began to suffer from epileptic fits, and, simultaneously, enlargement of the thyroid gland. Two years of bromide had no effect. Treatment of the thyroid with electricity and iodine brought about a reduction in size of the thyroid and complete cessation of fits. The positive electrode was wrapped in wool, soaked in iodine, and applied to the gland. Other writers have proved that there is a definite relationship between epilepsy and the thyroid, and this is supported by experiments on animals.

NEW LEPROSY TREATMENT.

Dr. Rost, resident junior civil surgeon at Rangoon, whose experiments in connection with the salt cure for cancer were recently published, is now reported to have discovered a remedy for leprosy, a disease which is terribly prevalent in Burma. A telegram to the *Allahabad Pioneer* states that he has eleven patients under treatment in the General Hospital at Rangoon, all of whom are showing signs of improvement. Dr. Rost has now gone to Mandalay, where there are large leper asylums, to try his remedy on a larger scale.

HEADACHE AND NASAL DISEASE.

In the *Journal of the American Medical Association* attention was recently drawn to headache due to disturbances of air pressure in the nasal sinuses. Any closure of a natural sinus outlet leads to diminished intra-sinusal pressure owing to the absorption of oxygen by the blood-vessels of the mucous lining, and as a result the latter swells. Later there may result a serous outpouring into the sinus and an engorgement of its lymph channels. In other words, the condition is analogous to non-suppurative otitis from closure of the Eustachian tube. The symptoms vary according to the time the sinus remains closed, the prominent one being headache. There is no mucopurulent discharge, and transillumination is negative. The treatment consists of drainage.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Edith Myers has been appointed Matron of the Gordon Hospital for Fistula, &c. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, and has since worked as Sister at St. Monica's Hospital for Children, Brondesbury Park, and Matron of the Queen's Jubilee Hospital, Earl's Court, S.W.

Miss E. J. Smith has been appointed Matron of the Hebburn Isolation Hospital. She was trained at Monsall Hospital, Manchester, and Fulham Infirmary, London, and has since worked at private nursing.

Miss Margaret Baxter Clark has been appointed Matron of the Mortlake Isolation Hospital, Barnes. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and has since been Head Nurse at the East Poorhouse Hospital, Aberdeen, Superintendent of Nurses at the Infirmary, West Ham, and Assistant Matron at the Plaistow Fever Hospital.

Miss Annie Edmonds has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Frimley Urban District Isolation Hospital. She was trained at the Fountain Fever Hospital, Lower Tooting, London, and has since been Nurse at the City Hospital, Little-Bromwich, Birmingham.

Miss Rosa Cooper has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Maidstone Sanatorium. She was trained at the Borough Hospital, Wolverhampton, and the District Hospital, West Bromwich. She has since been Assistant Matron at the Sanatorium for Infectious Diseases, Huddersfield.

SISTERS.

Miss Daisy Crawford has been appointed Sister of the West Ham Infirmary. She was trained at St. Olave's Infirmary, London.

Miss Edith Helena Davies has been appointed Sister at the Weston-super-Mare General Hospital. She was trained at Bristol General Hospital, where she has since worked as a Staff Nurse.

Miss M. C. Tarrant has been appointed Night Sister at Thompson's Memorial Home, Lisburn, County Antrim. She was trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmary and Eye Hospital, Stoke-on-Trent. She has since been Charge Nurse at the South-Western Fever Hospital, London; private Nurse at Hammersmith and Eastbourne; and Head Nurse at the Borough Hospital, Kingsthorpe, Northampton.

HEAD NURSE.

Miss Emma West has been appointed Head Nurse at the Wincanton Union Infirmary. She was trained at the Stapleton Workhouse Infirmary, where she has since been Assistant Nurse. She holds the L.O.S. certificate.

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