

in the houses where the cases I have described were seen. I believe the cases were true examples of that acute epidemic, infectious fever, in which there is primary inflammation of the lymphatic glands. The poison of glandular fever is probably microbial, and the present extraordinary atmospheric conditions may present precisely those factors necessary for the growth of the infective germ which causes the disease. Some have suggested that infection is through the intestine; in the cases seen by me, it seems more likely that the invasion was by the throat.

Since writing this article I find that, in a family where the children suffered from the ailment I have described, two of the adults developed a follicular tonsillitis, but in them, although the glands of the neck were tender, there was no palpable enlargement.

#### XYLOL IN THE TREATMENT OF SMALL-POX.

Dr. I. K. Vischnevsky (*Russky Vratch*) says:—Xylol in doses of 15 drops in red wine four to six times daily, and external applications of 1 per cent. carbolised vaselin or cold cream, are highly recommended by the writer. In all of the six cases under observation the treatment was commenced during the eruptive stage, on the second, third, and even the fourth day of eruption. Not a single patient developed pustulation. If some of the vesicles commenced to suppurate prior to the commencement of the treatment (usually on the scalp and face), pustulation did not advance and the pus underwent caseation. The vesicles with the caseated contents did not suppurate, but became contracted and dried up, leaving a thin, superficial scab. The eruption which appeared at the beginning of the treatment in the form of nodules remained in that condition without becoming vesicular. The course of the disease was either afebrile or, if fever did develop, it was of an extremely irregular type, having in no case lasted more than four days from the commencement of the treatment. In none of the patients thus treated did any scarification remain, although no precautions were taken to prevent this.

#### FRENCH PRECAUTIONS AGAINST PLAGUE.

By a decree of the French Government the destruction of rats on all vessels arriving from an infected port is compulsory. If done in port some recognised method must be adopted, or it will be done by the port authorities if desired.

## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

Miss Amy Bullock has been appointed Matron of the London Open-air Sanatorium, Wokingham, Berkshire. She was trained at All Hallows' Hospital, Ditchingham, Norfolk, at the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, Westminster, and for three years at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.

Miss Mary Stanford has been appointed Matron of the Blackheath and Charlton Cottage Hospital. She was trained at Brompton Consumption Hospital, and St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at University College Hospital, and Ward Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol.

### NIGHT SISTER.

Miss Mary Newton, Night Sister at the Isolation Hospital, Wimbledon, informs us that she was Charge Nurse at the Brook Hospital for five years, and that for periods of from one to five months she has acted as temporary Night Superintendent; but she was never appointed Night Superintendent there and her office in this connection, mentioned in announcing her new appointment last week, should therefore be described as temporary.

## Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

### RESIGNATIONS.

The following ladies have resigned their appointments in the above Service:—

#### SISTERS.

Miss E. M. Hall, Miss E. T. Noble, R.R.C., Miss E. F. Pocock, Miss H. T. Young, Miss P. Young.

#### STAFF NURSES.

Miss M. M. Rees, Miss L. F. A. Waller.

### APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made:—

#### MATRONS.

Miss A. L. Cox, posted to Woolwich.

#### STAFF NURSES.

Miss C. Mackay, posted to Gosport.

Miss E. Barber, posted to Connaught Hospital, Aldershot.

The undermentioned Sisters and Staff Nurses are confirmed in their appointments, their period of provisional service having expired:—

#### SISTERS.

Miss E. Beck, Miss R. Osborne, Miss A. B. Wohlmann.

#### STAFF NURSES.

Miss S. B. Lanyon, Miss C. G. Stronach, Miss E. M. Denne.

Staff Nurse Miss S. B. Lanyon has returned to Hounslow from the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

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