

applied to the diseased areas and salt administered internally. With regard to the "fish theory," Captain Rost has made a number of experiments with samples of badly-cured fish, which prove, he thinks, that the salt in the fish was sufficient to prevent the growth of the bacillus. The demand for "leprolin" is now very great, and the local government have asked the Government of India to place Captain Rost on special duty in order that he may give his whole time to these important and promising experiments. Captain Rost has fitted out a laboratory at his own expense, where he has for years past been engaged, in the time that can be spared from heavy official duties, in investigating the nature of many diseases, notably cancer, beri-beri, and leprosy.

#### MOUNTAIN SICKNESS.

A correspondent of the *Lancet* has drawn attention to some of the difficulties of the Tibet expedition which result from mountain sickness; and it is suggested that exertion at these high altitudes while men are living on "a half ration of oxygen" is attended with such dangers that we shall have to add to the terms "scientific frontier" and "natural frontier," a new one—"pathological frontier." The communication of the correspondent, describing the march, contains the following passage:—"The lungs seem unable to do their work. One gasps and pants after the slightest exertion as if about to suffocate. While one is still, the rarefied air can be tolerated, but under exertion, air hunger becomes distressing. The transport animals feel it, and the business of bringing them along is painful. The mission camped at Dantu opposite a frozen waterfall 200 ft. high. As the march was above the wood line, fuel was doled out very sparingly—in fact, only sufficient to cook the daily ration. None could be spared to light fires for the sake of warmth. Further on an altitude of 14,000 ft. was reached. During this part of the march it is stated that at every few yards men sat down, bent double, grasping their heads in their hands." Even Napoleon could not march an army past such a frontier as this.

#### MAN WITH TWO HEARTS.

The discovery has been made at Lecce, in Italy, during the medical examination of Giuseppe de Maggio, aged twenty-three, that the man possesses two ribs more than the usual number and two hearts. The hearts are on either side of the chest cavity, that on the right being healthy, the other being atrophied.

## Appointments.

#### LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss Lewis has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Staffordshire Institution for Nurses at Stoke-on-Trent. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has held the position of Sister-in-Charge of Tragedar House, at which the Preliminary School attached to the London Hospital is carried on. It is reported that Miss Lewis will take her assistant with her.

#### MATRON.

Miss Hannah N. Rutt has been appointed Matron of the Infirmary at the London Orphan Asylum, Watford. She was trained at the Leicester Infirmary, and has also been Theatre Sister at Lewisham Infirmary, Sister at the Great Northern Central Hospital, London, and Sister-in-Charge of the Infant Orphan Asylum Infirmary.

Miss Annie Phillips has been appointed Matron of the Royal Ear Hospital, London. She was trained at King's College Hospital for three years, and has been Sister at the National Orthopædic Hospital, the Victoria Hospital for Children, London, and Matron of the Tiverton Infirmary.

## Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

##### TO BE STAFF NURSES.

Miss L. M. Toller, posted to Portsmouth; Miss L. F. A. Waller, posted to Connaught Hospital, Aldershot.

##### RESIGNATIONS.

Miss S. E. Webb, R.R.C., Matron, has resigned her appointment June 7th, 1904, upon her marriage.

##### CHANGES OF STATION.

##### MATRONS.

Miss H. W. Reid, Aldershot to Wynberg, South Africa; Miss E. A. Wilkinson, Woolwich to Bloemfontein, South Africa.

##### SISTERS.

Miss C. Anderson, Cape Town to Pretoria; Miss M. E. Harper, Shorncliffe to Harrismith; Miss M. Wright, Cork to Bloemfontein; Miss E. H. Hordley, Wynberg to Pretoria, as Secretary to the Principal Matron.

##### STAFF NURSES.

Staff Nurse Miss K. M. Hewetson, from Royal Military College, Sandhurst, to Alton, for temporary duty.

##### APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

##### SISTERS.

Miss F. M. Hodgins, Miss E. H. Hordley.

##### STAFF NURSES.

Miss K. M. Hewetson, Miss A. E. Fitzgerald, Miss S. K. Bills, Miss B. N. Daker.

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