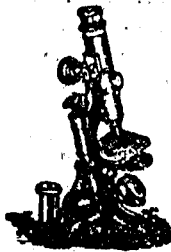


## Medical Matters.

### CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.



A contagious form of cerebro-spinal meningitis, which is also known by the names of "spotted fever," "tick fever," and "blue disease," is causing considerable alarm both in New York and in Germany. In the former place a medical commission is now taking evidence as to the causes of the malady, which at present are a mystery to men of science. It first appeared at Geneva in 1805, became epidemic in America during the Civil War, and later in Europe also. In the present epidemic the majority of those who recover are afflicted with blindness, facial paralysis, or imbecility. There is no known precaution against infection. Children and young adults are said to be specially prone to it, but it affects all ages and classes, including doctors and nurses. It occurs as a rule in the spring and summer months, 90 per cent. of all the cases being in April, May, and June, and 10 per cent. in the latter part of March and the early part of July.

In the severe type the onset is sudden, and is ushered in by chills, head and back-ache, the temperature being from 101 deg. to 107 deg. Fahr. The rose-coloured eruption appears first on the wrists and ankles.

In some cases there are nervous symptoms, such as photophobia. The body may become marbled in appearance. The œdema is sometimes so great as to disguise the features for several hours before death. The crisis is reached on the seventh or eighth day, when death may occur or the fever fall by lysis.

The Prussian Government are being urged to take steps to prevent the spread of the disease.

It is feared, however, that the only measure which can at present be suggested is the isolation of patients, which, of course, is taken in the interests of those who are unaffected, science being apparently helpless when once the disease has effected an entrance. It is hoped, however, that some knowledge of its causes and cure may be gained by its study, first hand, in the infected districts by bacteriological experts.

Amongst those who have fallen victims to the disease are Mr. W. M. Potter, President of the Long Island Railway, U.S.A. Many wealthy families in New York are already leaving the infected city and hurrying to the summer resorts.

## Appointments.

### MATRONS.

Miss Beatrice Isabel Jones has been appointed Matron of the new Military Hospital which has been built on the site of the old Millbank Prison, and will contain over 300 beds. Miss Jones, who is at present Matron at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, where she has done excellent work, was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and afterwards held the positions of Assistant Matron at the New Infirmary, Birmingham, and Matron of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E.

Miss A. Garriock, R.R.C., will succeed Miss Jones as Matron at the Herbert Hospital.

Miss Katherine Ethel Barling has been appointed Matron of the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, N.W. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has held the position of Sister in the Gynæcological Ward for three months, Housekeeper in Charge of the Nurses' Home, and Night Superintendent in the same hospital. Miss Barling holds the certificate of the British Gynæcological Society, and we are glad that the Committee have selected a lady holding this certificate as head of the nursing staff of a hospital where the work comprises so many gynæcological cases. We hope this may prove a precedent for the future.

Miss E. Sherriff MacGregor has been appointed Matron of the Paddington Green Children's Hospital.

Miss B. Chamberlain has been appointed Sister-Matron to the Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho Square, W.

Miss Emily Jones has been appointed Matron of the Milligan Convalescent Home, Ryde. She was trained at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, where she subsequently held the positions of Staff Nurse and Night Sister. For three years she worked in South Africa as a member of the Army Nursing Service Reserve, and has acted as temporary Sister at the Sisters' Hospital, St. Albans, Herts.

Miss Grace B. E. Morgan has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Pembroke. She was trained at the Royal Hospital, Portsmouth, and has held the position of Sister at the North Riding Infirmary, Middlesbrough, and of Matron at the Hospital, Monmouth. She has also had experience in private and district nursing.

### SISTERS.

Miss J. Rennie has been appointed Home Sister and Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Birmingham. She was trained at the London Hospital, E., and has held the position of Matron of the Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth, for two years.

Miss Ada M. Boycott has been appointed Sister at St. Mary (Islington) Infirmary. She was trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road.

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