

Gray speaks of massaging the heart, but the action would be better described as kneading, akin to that done on a relaxed uterus after parturition. In suitable cases the procedure presents great possibilities of averting some of the otherwise fatal cases of syncope under anaesthetics.

GLASS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR LINT IN THE TREATMENT OF GRANULATING WOUNDS.

Mr. J. L. A. Aymard, M.R.C.S., gives an interesting account in the *Lancet* of the use of glass as a covering for granulating wounds. So far as he is aware, except to protect skin grafts, no rigid form of dressing has been advocated. He strongly advocates the use of glass in the case of granulating wounds. His objection to lint is that even when medicated it soon becomes septic, its surface is by no means regular, every time it is removed from a granulating wound irritation is caused if not hæmorrhage and pain. There are also other advantages in the substitution of a rigid aseptic substance such as glass or celluloid.

Mr. Aymard reports a hospital case of a granulating wound after a hæmatoma, which, in the opinion of Sister Eustace (an experienced nurse) and himself, judging from similar cases, would ordinarily have taken six weeks or two months to heal. Covered by a piece of glass smeared with carbolic oil, with absorbent wool tucked round the edges, it did admirably. The glass was pressed firmly on the wound and considerable pressure used in bandaging. Next day the wound looked remarkably well, it was almost flat, and the glass was removed "without the slightest pain or hæmorrhage." Subsequently the wound kept perfectly level, new skin rapidly formed and crept over quite evenly, and in three weeks it was perfectly healed. The advantages claimed for the method are: (1) Perfect levelling of the wound doing away with the necessity for cauterising over growing granulations; (2) painless dressing; (3) absence of hæmorrhage; (4) rapidity of healing process, reducing the same by at least one half; (5) an aseptic covering compared with lint; (6) an extremely cheap dressing; (7) one through which the wound can be examined without removal.

Appointments.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Miss J. M. McHardy has been appointed Lady Superintendent at the Nurses' Institution and Nursing Home, Bristol. She was trained at King's College Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne, and at the Staffordshire General Infirmary, and Lady Superintendent of the Leicester Institution of Trained Nurses.

MATRON.

Miss Annie Burrows has been appointed Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Gretton. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and has held the positions of Head Nurse at the Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, Charge Nurse of the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, and of temporary Night Sister at the Southport Infirmary. She holds the certificate of the City of London Lying-in Hospital.

SISTERS.

Miss Florence Edith Rogers has been appointed Ward Sister at the Bethnal Green Infirmary. She was trained at the Paddington Infirmary where she has held the position of Staff Nurse, she has also been Charge Nurse at the South Western Fever Hospital, and has worked in connection with the Nursing Institute, Barnstaple.

Miss Alice Jane Watts has been appointed Ward Sister at the Bethnal Green Infirmary. She was trained at the Camberwell Infirmary where she has held the position of Staff Nurse. She has also been Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Lewisham.

Miss Elizabeth Lennox has been appointed Ward Sister at the Bethnal Green Infirmary. She was trained at St. George's-in-the-East Infirmary where she has held the position of Charge Nurse.

Miss M. Oakes has been appointed Sister at the Throat Hospital, Golden Square. She was trained at the East Dulwich Infirmary, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Stanley Hospital, Liverpool, and of Sister at the Stockton and Thornaby Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

Miss Marian Beaumont has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Wolstanton and Burslem Union Hospital. She was trained at the Manchester Union Infirmary, Crumpsall, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Park Hospital, Hither Green.

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