

the relief of pharyngeal abscess in infants. It is also very suitable for tenotomy, sounding, circumcision, and the removal of adenoids, lipoma, polypi, dermoids, cysts, and naevi.

The simplest form of inhaler is the best to use; a useful one consists of an ordinary shaft, on to which the face-piece and bag fit; the free end is closed by a stopper attached by means of a fine chain, and the anæsthetic is sprayed through this opening. To the end of the shaft which enters the bag two curved wires are fitted, so adjusted as to make a little cage in which a small sponge is placed. When ethyl chloride is sprayed into a bag of the usual size part of it vaporises and the other part tends to fall to the bottom and to vaporise as the patient breathes in and out. A young infant does not make a sufficient respiratory effort to produce the necessary amount of vaporisation and for this reason induction is often unduly delayed and the anæsthesia is not smoothly maintained. The sponge inside the bag intercepts the anæsthetic, and by holding it nearer to the child obviates these defects, making it possible for the patient to inhale it more rapidly and without effort. The same result is obtained if a bag of about half the usual size is employed, but it is not always convenient to change the bag between the cases. Dr. Murray recommends the employment of a celluloid face-piece.

Other advantages of ethyl chloride in the case of infants are that it is the easiest and pleasantest anæsthetic to inhale; it is such a strong respiratory stimulant that the patient does not require to make any effort (in this, indeed, lies its chief danger, as, if large doses over-stimulate the respiratory centre and cause tonic contraction of the diaphragm the patient may die from paralysis of the respiration); it is not liable to cause vomiting or retching, and the period of excitement is reduced to a minimum; lastly, there is practically no risk in sending the children away in unskilled hands, whereas the danger of confiding young children to an inexperienced guardian, after narcosis has been induced by chloroform and its mixtures is often considerable.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

Miss Treganza has been appointed Nurse Matron at the Joint Isolation Hospital, Chesterfield, in which institution she at present holds the position of Staff Nurse.

ASSISTANT MATRONS.

Miss Emily Northover has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Croydon Union Infirmary. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Bethnal Green Infirmary, and of Night Superintendent at the Croydon Union Infirmary.

Miss L. A. Grice has been appointed second Matron at the Winwick County Asylum, Warrington. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Graylingwell Hospital, West Sussex County Asylum; of Assistant Matron at St. Edmundsbury Private Asylum, Dublin; and at the Salop and Montgomery Counties Asylum, Shrewsbury. She has also had experience in private and district nursing.

HEAD NURSE.

Miss Harriet Ballinger has been appointed Head Nurse at the Borough Hospital for Infectious Cases, Bridlington. She was trained in infectious nursing at the South-Eastern Hospital, New Cross, and has held the position of Staff Nurse on the Hospital Ships, Long Reach, and at the Long Reach and Joyce Green Hospitals. She has also worked on the staff of the Trained Nurses' Institute, Weymouth, and has held the position of Nurse Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Dorchester.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

The undermentioned lady has been appointed Staff Nurse:—Miss J. S. G. Gardner.

POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS AT HOME.—*Sister*: Miss E. M. Denne to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

Staff Nurses: Miss E. L. McAllister to Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley; Miss A. Steer to Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, S.W. On return from Indian troopship duty (s.s. *Plassy*).

POSTINGS AND TRANSFERS ABROAD.—*Sister*: Miss B. N. Daker from Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, S.W., to s.s. *Plassy* for Indian troopship duty.

The undermentioned lady has been appointed Staff Nurse (provisionally); Miss Constance Winifred Jones.

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