

Practical Points.

Sir William Gowers says that in recent cases hot fomentations applied over the ear and its neighbourhood constitute a very useful measure. They should be used for one-quarter of every hour during the first day. A blister should be applied over the mastoid process, and should be repeated as soon as the condition of the skin permits; but never put a blister in front of the ear over the place of exit of the nerve.

A clever plan, which works well, says S.M.G. in the *American Journal of Nursing*, is the sealing of rooms for disinfection with strips of paper, made to adhere with soap. The advantage of this method is that the paper is very easily removed, and, with slight moistening, the wood-work may be easily and thoroughly cleaned.

Writing in the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast* on the Preparation of Solutions, F. L. Lackenbach says: Sterile water is that which has been freshly boiled, or otherwise rendered free from living bacteria. It is not chemically pure, unless prepared from distilled water.

Distilled water is that which has been passed through the process of distillation, which consists of vaporising the water in a retort by the application of heat and condensing the steam in a receiver, the impurities being left behind in the still. It cannot be considered sterile unless freshly prepared. Solutions decomposed by organic substances, as permanganate and silver nitrate, must be prepared from distilled water.

Filtered water is that which has been passed through some porous medium for the purpose of clarification, as cotton, paper, clay, charcoal, etc.

Formaldehyde is a gaseous body formed from wood alcohol by oxidation. It occurs in aqueous solution containing thirty-seven per cent. of the gas, officially known as solution of formaldehyde.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE.

Postings and Transfers.—Sisters: Miss I. G. Willetts, to Military Hospital, Portsmouth; Miss L. E. Mackay, to Military Hospital, Khartoum; Miss D. M. Taylor, to Military Hospital, Khartoum; Miss G. M. Smith, to Military Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt; Miss A. Guthrie, to Military Hospital, Standerton, South Africa; Miss F. N. Roberts, to Royal Infirmary, Dublin. Staff Nurses: Miss F. A. Loseby, to Military Hospital, Harrismith, S. Africa.

The undermentioned staff nurses have resigned their appointments: Miss Winifred L. Everingham, Miss Margaret L. Macartney, and Miss Charlotte H. MacCarthy.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

London Fever Hospital, Liverpool Road, N.W.—Miss Edith Gregory has been appointed Matron of the London Fever Hospital, Liverpool Road, N. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and has held the appointments of Theatre Sister at the Shaw Street Hospital for Women, Liverpool, Sister of the Female Medical Ward, and Night Superintendent at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Home Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, and for the last four years that of Assistant Matron at the Leeds City Hospitals, Seacroft.

British Lying-In Hospital, Endell Street, W.C.—Miss Mabel Banks has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and for a considerable number of years has held the position of Sister in Boynton Ward of that institution.

Ilkeston Hospital.—Miss Martha Winifred Thompson has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, and has held the position of Staff Nurse in the Cottage Hospital, Uiverston, and the Ilkeston Hospital.

Farnham House Private Asylum, Dublin.—Miss Emily S. Litt has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, in the same city, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Elpis Surgical Home, Dublin, Sister at the Darlington Fever Hospital, and Assistant Matron at the Royal Asylum, Glasgow.

LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

Children's Infirmary, Liverpool.—Miss Constance Worsley has been appointed Lady Superintendent. She was trained at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and has held the positions of Sister at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.

SISTERS.

General Hospital, Gloucester.—Miss Eileen O'Gorman has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Hospital, and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Isolation Hospital, Meltham, and Sister at the Devonshire Hospital, Buxton.

Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.—Miss Mary H. B. Lockwood has been appointed Home Sister. She received her training at the same institution, and at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner. She has recently held the position of Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Bermuda.

St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow.—Miss Ellen E. Mead has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Salisbury, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Adious Bradley to Huddersfield (temp.) from Womersley, Miss A. M. Darrah to Woodford Green, Miss Clara Jackson to St. Austell, Miss A. M. Knight to Ryde from Wheathampstead, Miss M. Myles to Belvedere (temp.), Miss Olive Pound to Bingley.

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