

of its digestive glands have been becoming more and more out of action, it is quite impossible for that baby to react to such an extent that when it is provided with a food normal for a healthy infant it can do anything with it but get seriously ill. The first thing to remember is the condition of the digestive tract of the baby, what it is capable of digesting, and that very delicate food will be a good food, because it will be the one suited to its requirements.

When I am treating a baby of such a kind, I pay no attention to the question of whether the food I am ordering is a rich or a thin food. All I am thinking about is firstly, the condition of the digestive glands, secondly, the relation of the food I have ordered to that condition, and to what degree I can adjust the constituents of the food to the changing conditions of the infant.

ATROPHY AND MARASMUS.

When malnutrition is continued for a long period, or the malnutrition, owing to the character of the food, is very severe, the condition occurs which is known as Atrophy or Marasmus. In this hospital these terms are used solely to mean the results of malnutrition.

Marasmus is a word derived from the Greek, and means "to waste," and just as we use the word malnutrition to imply primary malnutrition and not secondary malnutrition so we use the term marasmus to express the result of long continued malnutrition. Atrophy in the same way means a loss of function. You cannot very well lose a function you have never possessed, and therefore a baby cannot be born in a condition of atrophy. A baby may be born in a condition in which the functions have never been developed, that is quite a different class of case, but "atrophy" implies, of course, that the function was present at birth, and has been lost in consequence of the adverse conditions to which it has been subjected. In my lecture on Atrophy and Marasmus, I propose to discuss in more detail the treatment of these conditions.

THE PASSING BELL.

The death of Miss C. A. Archibald, Matron of the Bolton Union Hospital, Farnworth, Lancashire, has caused widespread regret. Miss Archibald, who received her training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, had been suffering for some time from heart trouble and Bright's disease, and having contracted pneumonia passed away in a very short time. The remains were taken to Huntley, where the funeral took place on Saturday last amidst every demonstration of respect. She will be deeply mourned by many friends.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society was held at 431, Oxford Street, London, on Saturday, February 8th. Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., was elected to the chair.

The Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, reported the arrangements made for the Public Meeting to be held at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on the 21st inst., and also that a letter of thanks had been received from the Secretary of Miss Florence Nightingale, acknowledging the Resolution of congratulation passed at the last meeting of the Committee.

Miss Sidney Browne was invited to become a Vice-President, and consented to act in that capacity.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following hundred and twenty-six new members were elected:—

No.	Name.	Where Trained.
2173	Miss M. E. Browne, cert.,	East Suffolk Hosp., Ipswich.
2174	Miss N. G. Clements, cert.,	The Inf., Kidderminster.
2175	Miss M. Jones, Supt. of Nurses,	Mater Infirmorum Hosp., Belfast.
2176	Miss M. E. Preston, cert.,	Rotherham Hosp.
2177	Miss F. Norton, cert.,	The Inf., Kidderminster.
2178	Miss M. Rooney, cert.,	Belfast Union Inf.
2179	Miss K. Robinson, cert.,	Hartlepoons Hospital.
2180	Miss M. E. Bacon, cert.,	Leicester Inf.
2181	Miss F. A. Taylor, cert.,	Queen's Hosp., Birmingham.
2182	Miss E. M. Mallison, cert.,	Queen's Hosp., Birmingham.
2183	Miss M. White, cert.,	Great North Central Hosp.
2184	Miss C. S. Theophilus, cert.,	General Hosp., Altrincham.
2185	Miss F. Clapp, cert.,	Taunton and Somerset Hosp.
2186	Mrs. Zillah Dawson, cert.,	London County Asylum, Claybury.
2187	Miss B. E. Wilson, cert.,	Greenbank Hosp., Darlington.
2188	Miss L. A. Churcher, trained,	The Inf., Bristol.
2189	Miss M. Magee, cert.,	Leicester Inf.
2190	Miss W. Teevan, cert.,	Royal Berkshire Hosp., Reading.
2191	Miss J. Fairhurst, cert.,	Chorlton Hospitals.
2192	Mrs. C. M. MacVean, cert.,	Worcester Inf.
2193	Mrs. B. M. Sunderland, cert.,	Addenbrooke's Hosp., Cambridge.
2194	Miss A. Mansfield, cert.,	London Hosp.
2195	Miss E. Price, cert.,	St. Marylebone Inf.
2196	Miss E. M. Davis, cert.,	Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum.

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