

the tenement was visited, and a promise exacted to clean up, and if things still remained undone, the matter was reported to the Board of Health. One of the regular inspectors I met one morning on making my rounds, and he said that often when he went into these various places the people would inform him that the "Lady Doctor" (meaning the nurse) had just been through, and it seemed they were quite in awe of the nurses, which was gratifying to learn, for from their stoical appearance it would seem as if they were most indifferent.

We impressed upon them the necessity of telling us of any sickness, explaining that if they had a doctor quickly "no make" (die), otherwise "make." The children were able allies, and as a rule spoke very good English, and were used as interpreters.

After a time several taro patches were found thoroughly impregnated with cholera bacilli, proving conclusively that poi was the means of conveying the disease. All the sulphuric acid to be found was thrown into these patches, and still the bacilli remained active. Guards were stationed round these places, allowing no one to approach. Alkali has no effect as an exterminator upon cholera bacilli, but acids proved more satisfactory.

Lemonade prepared with boiled water was a favoured drink during this period.

After the closing of the poi factories there was a decided decrease of cholera cases. Too much cannot be said in praise of the Board of Health of Honolulu in their efficient handling of what threatened to be a most serious matter, and the excellent results obtained. Altogether there were thirty cases and twenty-seven deaths up to April 1st.

About April 15th, no new cases having developed, quarantine was raised. This meant the re-opening of the poi shops, which the Board of Health were powerless to prevent. They tried to pass a Bill through Legislature regulating the cleaning of these places, but were defeated at every turn. Just two weeks after the poi shops opened, and on the day that the Bill in Legislature was killed cholera broke out again. It was startling, and those who had opposed the Board of Health were stunned. Another Bill similar to the one turned down was drawn up, and speedily passed by the Legislature, and, moreover, the Board of Health was given power to act on matters as seemed best.

The new cases were traced to certain poi shops, and to certain taro patches. Quarantine was again placed. There were six new cases during the second outbreak, and one recovered. This brought the number up to thirty-six cases altogether, and of these thirty-two died. Twenty days after the last case, quarantine was again raised.

The situation now seems to be thoroughly under control, and there need be no further fear of a general epidemic. With the present knowledge of conditions and causes, and with full power to act, the Board of Health is in a position to quickly suppress any trouble should a few cases develop in the near future.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Isolation Hospital, Ramsey, Isle of Man.**—Miss Cecilia Beaton has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, and has held the positions of Ward Sister at the Monsall Fever Hospital, Night Superintendent at the Florence Nightingale Hospital, Bury, and Matron at the Ainsworth Hospital, near Bolton.

**Cottage Hospital, Crewkerne.**—Miss Effie Dolbell has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, and has held the positions of Sister at the Infirmary, Fulham Road, S.W.; of Matron at the Cheriton Fever Hospital, the Clevedon Cottage Hospital, and the Children's Nursing Home, Roehampton; and of Night Superintendent at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney.

**Ledbury Cottage Hospital.**—Miss Bramwell has been appointed Matron. She has held a similar position in Maidenhead and Llandrindod Wells.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**District Asylum, Dundee.**—Miss Elizabeth L. Clement has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the Royal Asylum, Perth, and the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

### SISTERS.

**Hahnemann Hospital, Liverpool.**—Miss A. E. Allen has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Kensington Infirmary, where she has held the position of Sister, and she has also had experience of private nursing.

**Essex County Hospital, Colchester.**—Miss N. O'Brien has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Middlesbrough Hospital, and has held the position of Staff Nurse at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, and the Stockton and Thornaby Hospital.

### NIGHT SISTER.

**Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Hospital, Chesterfield.**—Miss Florence Lacon has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Chelmsford Hospital, and has been temporary Night Sister at the East Sussex Hospital, Hastings.

### CHARGE NURSES.

**Workhouse Infirmary, Maidstone.**—Miss Ellen Elizabeth Saunders has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at the Edmonton Union and has held the position of Charge Nurse at the Orsett Union.

Miss Dunford has been appointed Charge Nurse in the same institution. She was trained at Eccleshall Bierlow Union, and has held the position of Head Nurse at the Sherborne Union, and of Charge Nurse at the Keighley Union.

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