

of Miss Rogers' work at Leicester, she was greeted with much applause when she expressed thanks to those who had given practical expression to their kind feeling towards her, and to all with whom she had been associated during the twenty-nine years in which she had been Matron of the Infirmary, years which she would remember as some of the best and happiest of her life.

The proceedings then concluded.

Let us hope that there are yet many happy and busy years to come in which Miss Rogers may enjoy comparative rest and yet keep in touch with her colleagues, who can ill afford to lose women of her strength of purpose and power for good from active participation in the moulding of modern nursing.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

In a most interesting article **The Ice Bag** by Mr. A. M. Fauntleroy, surgeon of the United States Navy, says the *International Hospital Record*, the fact is brought out, basing the same upon a large number of cases of appendicitis operated, that the ice bag is positively harmful in this condition. In fifty per cent. of the cases operated, where the ice bag was used, the condition seemed to indicate that there was a noticeable lack of effort on the part of nature to wall off, from the rest of the abdominal cavity, the appendix, which was frequently very much congested, gangrenous or perforated. He also observed that in the ice bag cases there was a surprisingly low white cell count when one took into consideration the condition found in the abdomen at the time of the operation. From 8,000 to 11,000 white cells was the rule in these ice bag cases when one would be justified in saying that the pathological condition warranted a constitutional reaction of from 20,000 to 30,000 leucocytes, or even higher.

On the other hand, in those cases in which the hot water bag or morphine had been used prior to operation (the ice bag not being used at all), the white count corresponded to what one would expect. Dr. Fauntleroy advances from his findings the logic that while the ice bag causes numbness, practically the same as in the condition of frost-bitten ear or toe, it also decreases hypermia, leucocytosis and stasis in the part to which it is applied. That heat is the direct antithesis of cold in encouraging favourable physiological action in inflammatory processes, whether superficial or peritoneal, seems to be from his report most logically and conclusively proven.

Medical Appliances.

At the London Medical Exhibition now open at the Royal Horticultural Hall, one of the novelties shown is an obesity reducing apparatus invented by Professor Bergeine, of Paris, and exhibited by the Medical Supply Association. The invention consists in the application of electricity.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Isolation Hospital, Hinckley.—Miss Ellen Holdon has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal County Hospital, Winchester, and has held the following positions: Night Sister and Home Sister, Warrington; Night Sister, Baguley Sanatorium; Sister-in-Charge, Pateley Cottage Hospital; Sister of Diphtheria and Tubercle Wards, also Home Sister at the Isolation Hospital, East Ham.

Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London.—Miss E. A. Lee has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Hospital. She is a member of the Army Nursing Service Reserve, and has worked in South Africa.

Crewkerne Hospital, Somerset.—Miss Julia Swallow has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Northampton, and has been Matron at Cockermouth Cottage Hospital and Nursing Home.

SISTERS.

Newport and Monmouth Hospital, Newport.—Miss Edith Hatcher has been appointed Sister. She was trained at University College Hospital, London, and hopes to take the C.M.B. certificate this month.

Royal Victoria and West Hants Hospital, Bournemouth.—Miss S. Bayliss has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Worcester.

CHARGE NURSE.

Caterham Cottage Hospital.—Miss T. Wood has been appointed Charge Nurse. She was trained at Bethnal Green Infirmary, and has had experience of private nursing. Miss M. D. Seager has also been appointed Charge Nurse at the same hospital. She was trained at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

Transfers and Appointments.—Miss Katharine Child is appointed to Boxgrove; Miss Louisa Clarke, to Malvern Link; Miss Elizabeth A. Morris, to Chatham; Miss Effie Preston, to Marlborough; Miss Lizzie Varley, to Horwich.

WEDDING BELLS.

A number of presentations were made to Miss Hodges on Tuesday on the occasion of her retirement from the position of matron of the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, on her approaching marriage. The gifts comprised a mahogany writing-table, a fitted dressing-case, a gold watch-bracelet, and an opal and diamond ring, all presented by the Infirmary Board and Ladies' Committee. A number of silver table requisites were given by members of the Infirmary staff. The ceremony of presentation was performed by the Lord Mayor of Bradford (Alderman J. B. Moorhouse), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress (Miss Moorhouse).

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