

Another important point which should be remembered, especially with irrigation cases, is that germs travel up a moist track, and if, through a little over irrigation, the dressing becomes wet to the outside and has to be packed, the packing should be done with sterile pads and surgically clean hands. All the foregoing may be small points in themselves, but they are links in the chain that draws the patient to recovery.

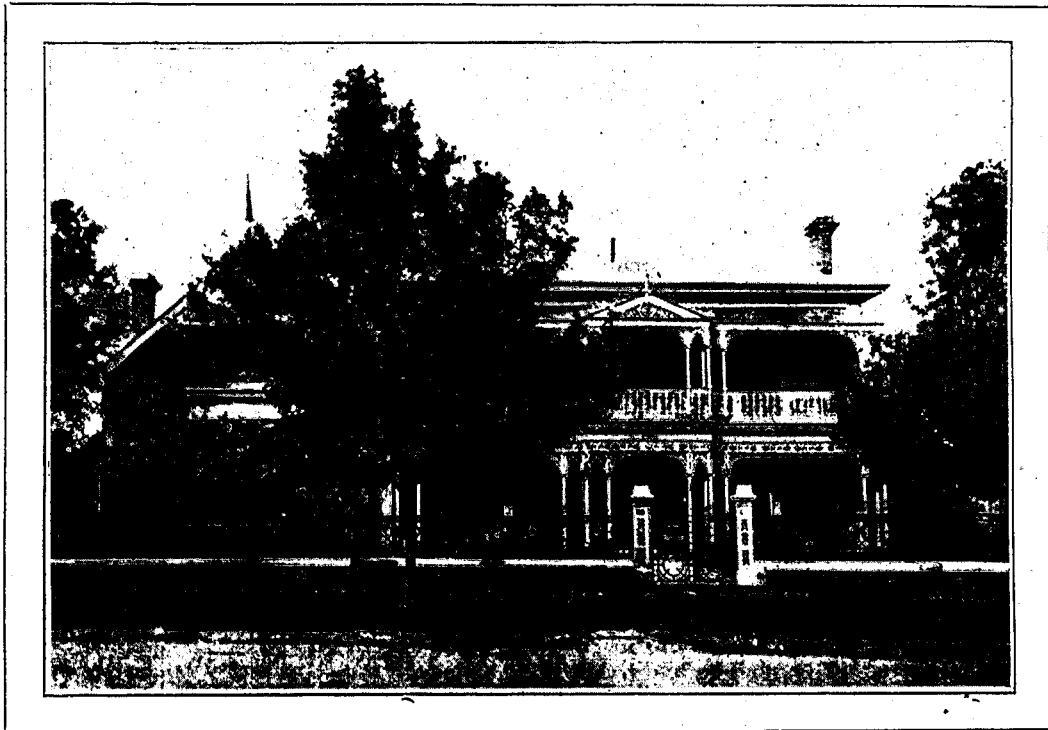
In one's pre-war hospital days, simple fractures were the rule, compound ones the exception. Now the position is reversed, and not only are the majority of the fractures with which one meets compound, but comminuted as well.

APPOINTMENT.

Miss Florence Carver has been appointed Matron at the Military Hospital, Palavas, France, and writes that she finds the work there most interesting, and tells of the splendid surgery accomplished in this French hospital, in which there are a hundred and fifty beds. Miss Carver was trained at St. George's Hospital and became a member of the Association in 1905.

MARRIAGE.

On Saturday, August 24th, Miss Emily Young was married quietly to Mr. Ernest Henry Collins, of 35, Bloomsbury Square. For a year, Miss Young has been working for the Association at a



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The treatment of compound fractures of the humerus and their attendant wounds is an especially interesting study. The arm is of such inestimable value to the patient that there is the greatest possible satisfaction in saving a badly smashed upper limb. Although the amputation of a leg may be a greater shock to the patient at the time than is the removal of an arm, the comparative loss in after life between the two limbs is enormous. A man with two arms and one leg will have a very much better prospect of a useful life than a man with one arm and two legs, even if fitted with the wonderfully efficient artificial limbs that are now in use. Therefore any extra trouble and patience expended in saving an arm is always repaid.

military hospital in Yorkshire, and has also done a considerable amount of private work for it. She became a member in 1915.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Miss Mary Seamark.

Miss Seamark died in the Bush Township of Murat Bay, South Australia, in April last. She was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, and, after holding several appointments in England, she went out to South Australia, where she did work for the Australian Branch of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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