

II. GENERAL DROPSY. III. JOINT AFFECTIONS.

Towards the end of the first week the patient often complains of stiffness in the wrists or slight pain in other joints, especially the shoulders and knees. In more severe forms of scarlet fever, septic inflammation of one or more joints may occur ending in suppuration, this, a very dangerous complication, frequently resulting in death.

IV. HEART COMPLICATIONS.

Occasionally endocarditis occurs, and still less frequently pericarditis, either of which may lead to chronic heart disease.

V. ADENITIS.

During the third and fourth weeks enlargement and tenderness of the cervical glands are not uncommon.

VI. OTORRHOEA.

The middle chamber of the ear communicates with the back of the throat by means of a narrow passage called the "Eustachian tube." The inflammation of the throat sometimes spreads up this passage into the interior of the ear, where an abscess forms, which bursts outwards through the drum and the patient now has otorrhoea. This may last for a week or two, or it may last for months. Young children are apt to develop a mastoid abscess, the signs of which are redness and swelling behind the ear.

VII. THE GENERAL CARE OF FEVER PATIENTS.

A large, airy, well-ventilated room is necessary, and the fever patient should be given as much fresh air as possible, and if the patient is kept at home complete isolation is necessary. He or she must be confined to bed as long as the temperature is raised.

NURSING ECHOES.

Her Majesty the Queen has given great delight by her gifts of flowers to various hospitals. The little patients at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N., to which the Queen sent boxes of daffodils, are evidently thoroughly appreciative of these lovely blossoms, as seen in our illustration.



THE QUEEN'S GIFT OF DAFFODILS TO THE ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL.

At the Annual Meeting of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing held on April 24th at the Hotel Victoria, S.W., the President, the Duke of Portland, K.G., read the following telegram from the Queen, who is Patron of the Institute:—

"I am much interested to hear that you are presiding at the annual meeting of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing this afternoon, and I would ask you to be so good as to take this opportunity of conveying to one and all present my warm appreciation of the invaluable and unceasing work which the Institute and all who labour for its noble objects are carrying out."

In the course of the proceedings the Duchess of Richmond presented long-service badges to seven Queen's Superintendents and nurses who had recently completed 21 years' service.

Lady Iveagh, M.P., referring to the Local Government Act, said she felt confident that it would prove to be one of the greatest steps ever taken towards improving the

health services of the country and that the voluntary agencies should benefit.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee it was stated that Miss A. M. Peterkin, General Superinten-

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