

Should it develop in the vagina or the peritoneum, it forms one of the varieties of puerperal fever. The attack usually lasts two weeks and in a recovery the temperature falls at the crisis. Desquamation then takes place over the affected area, but relapses are very common.

Treatment.—Erysipelas has been notifiable since 1889. It is contagious and complete isolation is necessary, especially if the patient has wounds, and strict disinfection of all persons that come in contact with the patient is essential.

The diet should be light and nourishing while the temperature remains high.

Warmth and thorough ventilation are required, and the eyes should be shaded from any bright light.

Chloral and bromides for any restlessness, insomnia or delirium may be ordered, and a local application of glycerine and ichthyol, or mag. sulph. paste spread on gauze, to the area affected. All used dressings should be burnt as soon as possible.

Injections of prontosil 10 cc. of 2½ per cent. solution is given for the first two days, followed by prontosil tablets, or to give the correct name, P. amino-phenyl sulphamide tablets containing 0.5 g., given daily usually helps the inflammation to subside within three days if the case is treated as soon as the first symptoms arise. Perchloride of iron may be ordered as a tonic.

Complications.—When the infection has affected the serous membranes, pneumonia, broncho-pneumonia, infarction of the lung, kidney and spleen, are occasional complications, and nephritis does occur sometimes owing to albuminuria being present in most cases.

Further common complications are ulcerative endocarditis and septicaemia.

THE HONOUR OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AND THE VOCATION OF NURSING.

The annual celebration in Liverpool Cathedral in honour of Florence Nightingale took place on the Sunday before Ascension Day, May 10th, and the service intended primarily for members of the nursing profession was attended by about 100 nurses from local hospitals, attired in uniform, who assembled in the Lady Chapel and walked in procession to a place set apart for them in the choir. There was a large congregation and the Dean, Dr. F. W. Dwelly, preached the sermon.

It is well to honour this great teacher and leader.

THE ASSISTANT NURSE.

The *Public Assistance Journal and Health and Hospital Review* is one of our exchanges we study with interest, and greatly value, as it is exceedingly well informed on Public Assistance affairs.

On March 13th a letter appeared from Mrs. Pearson, Matron of the Stapleton Institution, Bristol, reporting a meeting in support of the Assistant Nurse. This report was criticised by Miss Isabel Macdonald, R.B.N.A., in the following issue, but by some error we did not find her reply in the copy sent to us (later found to be of another date), and concluded it had not been inserted, and republished the correspondence in this *Journal*, inviting Mrs. Pearson to reply to Miss Macdonald's letter, and to our further editorial questions.

We have now received a lengthy communication from Mrs. Pearson, which does not, however, reply to our questions, and as the matter is now out of date space cannot be found for further discussion in this *Journal*. We thank the Editor of the *Public Assistance Journal* for the courteous manner in which he has communicated with a fellow editor on the subject.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

No, no! the energy of life may be
Kept on after the grave, but not begun.
And he, who flagged not in the earthly strife,
From strength to strength advancing, only he,
His soul well knit, and all his battles won,
Mounts, and that hardly, to eternal life.

Matthew Arnold.

COMEDY IN MINIATURE.

"THE WHOLE HOG."

Matron was still smiling when she sat down at her desk. She had just had an interview with the new house surgeon, and, as usual, had the best of the argument:—

HOUSE SURGEON: "I have come, Matron, to complain of the discourtesy, not to say impertinence, of the new parlourmaid. At breakfast, yesterday, I found slices of ham on a dish, and I politely informed her that I preferred the whole ham placed on the table. Why not the whole hog? she asked most pertly, and, before I could reprove her, was gone, slamming the door. Moreover, this morning, I found a little toy pig on a large dish, inscribed 'With Lord Woolton's compliments.' And I do not think the maids should wear nurse's uniform."

MATRON: "Excuse me smiling; I am very susceptible to a joke. I do hope you have not destroyed that little pig; I should love to see it. But seriously, you know, everyone is rationed in this institution, and whole hams are few and far between—to say nothing of whole hogs. The acting parlourmaid must, of course, be reprov'd, but she happens to be a most patriotic nurse—up at all hours in the morning to help in the house, in the kitchen, dining-rooms—just anywhere doing her bit, in addition to her office duty. I feel sure you would be the last man to blame her for a little—er—exuberance of feeling; her parents are poor—food is costly—whole hams! . . ."

HOUSE SURGEON: "Oh! Matron, say no more; tomorrow I shall make the *amende honorable* and thank this splendid little woman for the *whole hog*—to say nothing of the snub I jolly well deserved."

Exit House Surgeon.

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "Sir Richard Burton's Wife." Jean Burton.
- "Middle-East Window." Humphrey Bowman.
- "Notebook Cavalcade." Edith M. Vigers.
- "Over Military Age." Sir James Purvis-Stewart.

FICTION.

- "Barbarians." William Price.
- "Crimson Sunrise." Florence Bone.
- "The Family Pattern." Pamela Hansford Johnson.
- "Three Tales." Frank O'Connor.
- "Dragon Seed." Pearl S. Buck.
- "Storm." George Stewart.
- "Glory Hill Farm." Clifton Reynolds.
- "Straight Runs Harley Street." Philip Inman.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Singapore and After." Lord Strabolgi.
- "The Story of the American People." Dr. C. F. Strong.
- "A Doctor in Paradise." S. M. Lambert.
- "Letters from Paris, 1870-75." Edited by Robert Henry.
- "Night Over Europe." Prof. Frederick L. Schuman.
- "The Kremlin and the People." Walter Duranty.
- "Plans for a Better World." Field-Marshal the Right Honourable J. Smuts.
- "Canada's Wings." Peter J. Field.

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