

A NAME CENTRE.

THE great advances which have been made in recent years in mapping out the nerve centres in the brain, have received within the last few weeks a notable addition. A leading American Medical Society has recently discussed a remarkable case which goes to prove the correctness of a belief which has long been held that there is a definite centre in the brain which controls the use of names. A patient who suffered from complete loss of power to name ordinary articles and who finally died with evident symptoms of pressure on part of the brain was found at the *post-mortem* examination to have a tumour occupying part of the third temporal convolution which it had destroyed. A curious point in the case is that the spot occupied by this growth was precisely that locality in the region which controls speech, which various writers had already guessed to be the centre which would control the use of names. Disease once more has shown a habit of vivisection which may have the most important scientific results.

DRY DIET AND DROPSY.

A DANISH physician has called attention to a fact with which medical men in this country are well acquainted—the great advantages which are often obtained by restricting patients suffering from dropsy to an absolutely dry diet. The physiological consequence of the treatment is obvious, inasmuch as the vessels greedily absorb some of the effused fluid; and this result is especially noticeable in patients who are suffering from fluid in the chest or abdomen, for in such cases the diminution of the fluid is rapid and the relief therefore very marked.

TUBERCLE BACILLI.

A NUMBER of experiments have been made in order to ascertain the most rapid and complete method of disinfecting rooms and houses which have become infected by the tubercle bacillus. It has been shown that this cannot be accomplished by the ordinary methods of disinfecting. Sulphur, chlorine, and even the perchloride of mercury have proved to be unsuccessful agents for the complete destruction of this formidable bacillus, and the only remedy and method of disinfection upon which implicit reliance can be placed is the effect of sunlight. As in the case of other germs, so with the bacilli of tubercle, strong sunlight is not only the most natural but the most powerful purifier of the atmosphere. The fact is most important for all Nurses to remember, because it explains the beneficial results of the sun and fresh air upon patients afflicted with consumption, and there can be no doubt that the great alleviation of

the symptoms and the physical improvement which takes place in many phthisical cases when they obtain such benefits, is to be explained by the destructive qualities possessed by the rays of the sun over all forms of germ life.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HER Royal Highness the Duchess of York has selected the Victoria Hospital for Children as the institution which she wishes should benefit by a grand evening concert to be given by the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society at Queen's Hall on May 18th, and at which the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and the Duke and Duchess of York will be present.

Princess Christian, on the 17th inst., visited the village of Iver, in Buckinghamshire, for the purpose of opening an Art and Needlework Exhibition in aid of the Iver, Langley, and Denham Cottage Hospital. Her Royal Highness was accompanied by the Dowager Lady Churchill.

The Duchess of Teck will, on Tuesday, July 9th, open the new building of the London Homeopathic Hospital in Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury, which contains 100 beds, and has been erected at a cost of £45,000, of which £35,000 has been already contributed.

Her Royal Highness Princess Mary Adelaide has consented to open the new Paddington Green Children's Hospital on Monday, July 1st, at 4 p.m. Purses containing contributions of £5 and upwards to the Rebuilding and Furnishing Fund will be received by Her Royal Highness upon the occasion.

The Marquis of Camden will open a bazaar at the Athenæum, Camden Town, in aid of the North-West London Hospital, Kentish Town Road, on Monday, May 13th, at 3 o'clock. Baron Hirsch has forwarded an additional donation of £500 to the secretary of the North West London Hospital.

The second annual Church Parade and demonstration by members of the South-East London Friendly Trade and Temperance Societies took place on the 21st inst. in aid of the funds of St. Thomas's Hospital and the South Lambeth Dispensary. A collection was made both along the line of route and at the Lambeth Parish Church, where a special sermon was preached by the rector, the Rev. J. Andrewes Reeves, M.A.

The late Mr. H. H. Sharland, of Thavies Inn, whose personalty is sworn at £71,000, leaves £1,000 to St. Thomas's Hospital, £1,000 to Guy's Hospital, £1,000 to the Royal Free Hospital, £1,000 to St. Luke's Hospital, £1,000 to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children, £1,000 to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, £1,000 to the Refuge for Homeless Boys, and £1,000 to the City Mission. The other bequests are not of public interest.

Miss Heaven, who died in March at Victoria Park, Manchester, has left £30,000 in legacies to charitable institutions. The Royal Lifeboat Institution receives £1,000, and the Sailors' Rest, Devonport, £2,000.

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