

previously had not been called upon to treat any case of fracture occurring in children, was summoned to see two patients, both of them children and both of them suffering from the same form of fracture. Another doctor had at one time under his care three cases of fractures of the leg, an accident which in his practice was very uncommon. The writer of the article in question, who for some months had seen very few cases of hæmorrhage, was in the month of March called upon to attend a considerable number of cases of bleeding from various sources. At Hospitals, these coincidences are even more marked, and at one great surgical Institution it is almost proverbial that when one case of fractured femur is admitted, two or more cases of the same accident are certain to follow. At a special hospital, recently, three patients seen in their ordinary rotation, coming from different parts of the country, were sent into the three dressing rooms, and each patient was found to be suffering from a tumour of the right ovary. Nurses, as we have said, sometimes experience similar coincidences in their work, and we have heard of one private Nurse who attended three cases of pneumonia in succession, and of another who was sent twice in succession to a case of peritonitis.

THE TREATMENT OF DIABETES.

A FRENCH physician has recently published the results which he has obtained by the administration of brewer's yeast in cases of diabetes. He administered a daily dose of fifty grammes, and found that it was taken readily by the patients, but that it could not be continued during the summer months, in consequence of the difficulty of preventing its fermentation. The first effects appear to have been the production of considerable intestinal disturbance for a few days. Then, tolerance of the substance seems to have been established, and the patients appear to have distinctly improved in their general health; the appetite returned, the strength increased, pain was diminished and the weight improved by several pounds. On discontinuing the treatment, however, the loss of weight occurred again. The proportion of sugar excreted was diminished in one case by three-fourths, and in another by two-thirds within a fortnight. The treatment is simple enough, and certainly deserves an exhaustive trial. If it should prove as effective as our French colleague considers, it would probably lead to various improvements being adopted in the methods of administration and of the preparation of the yeast, which would render the treatment still more effective, while

less difficult. The same contemporary also quotes some experiments and experiences with the use of the pancreas of the calf as a treatment for diabetes. Apparently only one patient was thus treated, the calf's pancreas, lightly cooked, being administered. It is stated that on the second day of the treatment the amount of sugar excreted fell to a mere fraction of that which had previously been thrown off; by the ninth day the sugar had wholly disappeared, and it is stated that the urine then remained normal for more than a month. This method again is simple, and should it prove effective is easy of application.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



NASRULLA KHAN, on the occasion of his visit to St. Thomas's Hospital on Saturday last, expressed his gratification and showed his appreciation by giving £150 to the special fund for the opening of the closed wards of the Hospital.

The Medical Schools will be opened with ceremony on October 1st, an introductory address forming an appropriate commencement of the medical session. At St. Thomas's Hospital Sir Edwin Arnold, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., will give away the prizes and deliver the address. At Guy's Mr. George De'Ath (how much easier to spell it in the more commonplace and gruesome manner) will read a Paper at the opening meeting of the Physical Society, on "Our Profession, our Patients, our Public, and our Press." Professor G. Rose Bradford, M.D., F.R.S., will officiate at University College. The introductory speech will be made at St. George's, by Mr. George D. Pollock, at Middlesex by Dr. Julius Mickle, and at Westminster Hospital Viscount Peel will distribute the prizes, and Dr. Monckton Copeman make the usual address.

Alterations are being made in the *personnel* and the wards at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. A fifth physician has been appointed, the Charity (old Magdalen) Wards will no longer receive lock cases, and Colston and Rahere—male surgical from time immemorial—are now to receive medical patients.

On Tuesday, October 1st, at 3 p.m., a Reception will be held in the College Library

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