

swelling in the neck, and it gives good reason for the belief that many cases which formerly began in this way, and gradually drifted on into confirmed Consumption, could very probably be checked, at the outset. In adult life, again, it has been conclusively proved that decay of the teeth by diminishing the proper mastication, and therefore interfering with the proper digestion, of food is a definite fact in the production of that ill-nourishment of the tissues which affords the tubercle bacilli their best opportunity of growth, and thus plays an important part in the onset and progress of Consumption. Finally, the close connection which was some years ago proved by Dr. Bedford Fenwick, to exist between Phthisis and the development of ovarian cysts; and the clinical fact to which he called attention that the majority of women suffering from such ovarian disease had suffered severely from caries of the teeth, are now seen to be important links in the chain of evidence proving the close connection between dental decay and the development of tubercular disease in the lungs or elsewhere. Prevention is a thousand times better than cure, and the moral of all these facts is that the tooth brush and an antiseptic dentifrice would be the most potent preventative of Consumption.

PINEAPPLE JUICE.

THIS is the latest remedy proposed for indigestion; careful clinical observations having proved that it possesses very valuable digestive properties. Apparently, the discovery was made by unprofessional persons who utilised it in manufacturing a wine to which they gave the name of Zumo-Anana, and which, it is said, yielded the most remarkable benefit to patients suffering from dyspepsia. American physicians were therefore led to analyse the preparation, and discovered that it largely consisted of pineapple. It is highly probable that many people who object to Pepsin, may become reconciled to the new treatment. There is only one point upon which we should like to obtain further information; viz., the dose of the medicine which is prescribed. Homœopathic doses of Pineapple would not be popular with those who approved of the remedy, but if the quantity to be consumed were large, it is at least open to question whether it might not even produce the affection which it is expected to cure.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



PRINCESS CHRISTIAN will visit the North London Hospital for Consumption, Hampstead, on December 18th, to unveil a memorial tablet to the late Mrs. Rundle Charles, who took an active interest in the work of that Institution, and in memory of whom a number of friends have subscribed for the permanent endowment of a bed in the Hospital.

Sir Joseph Lister is recommended by the President and Council of the Royal Society for election as President for the year 1897.

Dr. T. Crawford Hayes, F.R.C.P., physician for diseases of women to King's College Hospital, has been appointed by the Council Professor of Practical Obstetrics at King's College.

The Treasurers of the Middlesex Hospital have received a subscription (annual) of £100 from the trustees of the Delmar Charitable Trust towards the maintenance of the cancer wards.

At the Special Meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund, which is arranged for Saturday week, Mr. R. B. D. Acland will move, and Mr. H. N. Hamilton-Hoare will second a resolution to the effect that the ladies' street collection should be discontinued. On the other hand, advocates for the continuance of the street collection hold that "its tone should be raised in every direction possible," and to this end it is proposed (1) that no collecting station shall be left at any time in charge of anyone but an adult lady; (2) that two children, or young ladies, only shall be attached to any station at any one time; (3) that ladies, as far as possible, adopt the dress of a Hospital Nurse; (4) that the lady in charge wear on the sleeve of her dress the Red Cross; (5) that no station be permitted at, or within a certain distance of, licensed premises; and (6) that ladies in charge see that no conduct take place that could be deemed by passers-by to be inconsistent with the object of the collection, or out of harmony with the Cross exhibited.

In an editorial in the *London Hospital Gazette* a suggestion is made to new students who are good athletes to join the various teams of their own Hospital, and play their best, because Varsity men and Public School boys will be encouraged to join the London Hospital if they find the team doing well. Surely a novel reason for joining a particular Medical School!

In consequence of the bequest of the late Sir John Erichsen of £2,000 to University College Hospital, the Board thinks it advisable to at once commence re-building, as there is such urgent need of further accommodation.

At an inquest on Saturday, at Kensington, on a child who had died of small-pox, the Coroner, Mr.

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