

soon after recovering from the narcosis. These results appear to be eminently satisfactory, and at any rate to warrant a trial of this very simple remedy in patients to whom chloroform has been administered.

BRITTLE BONES.

An excellent example of the extreme brittleness of bones in old people is shown in a case which has recently been published, in which an old lady, aged 74, was seized with a violent fit of coughing, during which she felt "something go off" inside her, causing great pain in the left side, and upon examination it was found that the ninth rib, at its juncture with the costal cartilage, had been fractured by this strain. It is well known, of course, that this fragility of the bones is due to the presence of an abnormal proportion of earthy salts in the tissue, and most of our readers engaged in Hospital work have doubtless seen cases of old people who had fractured their thighs by a simple stumble or slip, or some such comparatively trifling accident.

HARD FACTS.

To those who are doubtful as to the effects and the benefits of vaccination, the following facts, reported by Dr. James Young, the Medical Officer for Health of St. George's, Bristol, may be commended for thoughtful consideration. He had 21 cases of smallpox in the Hospital, of which only seven were unvaccinated; two of these seven died, and of the remaining fourteen, one who showed no marks of vaccination, although alleged to have been vaccinated in infancy, also died; the remaining cases, who had been properly vaccinated, all recovered. Dr. Henry Grace states that in 30 years of duty in the Bristol Infectious Hospital, no re-vaccinated cases had been admitted; that no re-vaccinated Nurse had ever taken the disease; that he had re-vaccinated 5,000 persons in three months once during an epidemic, and numbers of these afterwards mixed with smallpox cases without being affected by the contagion; and that in factories with which he was acquainted, and in which smallpox epidemics had broken out, the re-vaccinated workpeople had invariably escaped. In fact, the burden of proof lies with the anti-vaccinators; they must show that vaccination has no effect if they desire people, with such facts as those which we have quoted, to disbelieve in its efficacy; nay, more, they must prove that vaccination is distinctly dangerous to the individual, if they desire the nation to desist from the practice of protecting itself from epidemics of this dreaded disease.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HIS Royal Highness the Prince of WALES has consented to take the chair on the 13th of April, at the dinner in aid of the funds of the Middlesex Hospital.

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THE Duke and Duchess of YORK have accepted an invitation to visit Birmingham and take part in the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new general Hospital, which is to be erected there at a cost of over £200,000.

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THE Duke of CONNAUGHT has signified his intention of presiding at the festival dinner on behalf of the London Lock Hospital and Rescue Home at the Hotel Métropole on the 21st April.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN has consented to attend the Jubilee Meeting of the Ragged School Union, which will be held in the Queen's-hall, Langham-place, on Friday, April 20th, under the presidency of Earl COMPTON.

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MISS McCORD, Lady Superintendent of Carlow Infirmary for the past seven years, has been appointed Matron and Superintendent of Nursing at the Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, London, W. Miss McCORD holds the diploma of the London Obstetrical Society, and was trained at Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, where she was a Probationer for three years, and subsequently Staff Sister and Night Superintendent for three years. On leaving Carlow, Miss McCORD was presented by her many friends with a handsome solid silver toilet set and a substantial purse of sovereigns.

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MISS DICKENSON, who has lately held the position of Matron to the Fever Hospital at Nottingham, has been appointed Matron to the New Fountain's Fever Hospital at Tooting, out of six selected candidates.

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MISS B. JONES has been appointed Sister to the Kidderminster Infirmary and Children's Hospital. Miss JONES was trained at the Westminster Hospital, since when she has held the post of Night Superintendent at the Blackburn Infirmary. For two years she was Sister in Charge of the General Hospital, Barbadoes, and has also held the post of Sister in the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

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