

THE TREATMENT OF LUPUS.

This for many years has been one of the greatest bugbears of surgery, and many who have attempted by cauterly or caustic, however freely applied, to remove the disease have after frequent recurrences given up the treatment in despair. When Koch's discovery was made it was thought that a cure had been found, and undoubtedly in some cases the greatest benefit was obtained by the injections of *tuberculine*. In the great majority of cases, however, this treatment also failed, and has been practically discarded. One of the most recent methods of cure which have been advocated is that of complete and free excision. Cases have recently been published in which this operation has been performed in combination with immediate skin grafting, the diseased patch being removed very freely, and then a corresponding patch of healthy skin being transferred from another part of the body to the open surface. In these cases, the success of the treatment has been very thorough, and it is probable that, in future, it will become the recognised method of procedure.

INFECTION BY TELEGRAPH.

Some few weeks ago we described, in these columns, a source of danger which has been found to exist in the tendency to the communication of disease from infected ears to healthy ones by means of the ear tubes used in phonographic machines, the danger, of course, being in the actual conveyance upon the ear-piece of diseased material. American journals have been recently discussing the similar liability to which a contemporary called attention, of infection through a mouth-piece of a telephone; but they have somewhat misunderstood the point of the danger, and have gravely warned their readers that the germs of disease are transmitted over the wires. Indeed, one of our contemporaries goes so far as to say that it is, for this reason, dangerous to converse by telephone with any person who happens to have a contagious affection.

TRACTION ON THE TONGUE.

A French physician has recently reported cases in which infants have been recalled to life, when apparently dead, by forcible traction upon the tongue, the theory being that asphyxia had been caused in these cases by temporary arrest of the respiration, and that the dragging forward of the tongue had a reflex action in reproducing the process. All anaesthetists are, of course, aware of the success with which this manœuvre is performed in cases where patients appear to be dying after the inhalation of chloroform or ether.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



WE have much pleasure in notifying the appointment of Miss SARA A. JACOBS (Sister Rachel) as Matron of the Dewsbury Hospital; being selected from a large number of candidates. Miss JACOBS was trained for three years and certificated at the London Hospital; was Staff Nurse in the Hope Ward of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for three years; and subsequently held the responsible posts of Charge Nurse and Assistant Matron at the County Hospital, Lincoln; for the past three years she has been one of the most successful lecturers on the staff of the National Health Society. Miss JACOBS is a Registered Nurse, and a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association—having a seat on the Council, and having always been an enthusiastic supporter of its principles of progress and reform.

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MISS ANNE PAGE, late Sister at St. Mary Abbot's Infirmary, Kensington, has been appointed Assistant Matron at the Fulham Infirmary.

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MISS ANNIE DIXON has just been appointed Charge Nurse of the Male Accident Ward at the County Hospital, Lincoln, in which Institution she received her training, and in which she has worked for seven years—a record which speaks highly for the Nursing department of the Hospital. Miss DIXON is a Registered Nurse, and a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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MISS FLORENCE SHEPPERD has been appointed Charge Nurse of the Ophthalmic Wards at the Lincoln County Hospital. She received her training partly at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and also at Lincoln, and has held the responsible position of Surgery and Out-patient Nurse for three years; she is also a Registered Nurse, and a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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AT the sixty-second annual meeting of the Sheffield Public Hospital and Dispensary, held on July 23rd, it was determined to make an immediate appeal for £50,000 for the re-building of the hospital.

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THE fifth annual report of the Queen Victoria Nursing Institution at Wolverhampton presented to the annual meeting at which the chair was taken by Mr. VINCENT JACKSON, surgeon to the infirmary, showed that the institution had maintained and extended its work during the year. The

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