

decided definitely to abandon, from a therapeutic point of view, the introduction of the living tuberculous bacillus into the human body. Thus the anti-tuberculous treatment of man begins for me with the discovery of the remedy of which I am going to speak."

Professor Behring then detailed how he has endeavoured unceasingly to spare the organism the long and perilous work of elaborating the "T. C." This he believes he has now done, and he told the Congress: "I can give you the assurance that I scarcely have experienced in my life a greater joy than during the days, weeks, and months when the casual tie which binds vaccination with immunity has appeared to me with an always increasing clearness; thanks to reiterated observations of innumerable experiments on cattle, one enigma after the other became solved as to the nature and the mode of action of the anti-diphtheritic serum."

He described in a few words the method of freeing the "T.C." from the substances preventing its therapeutic action.

The next Congress is to be held in the United States in three years' time. The Professor hopes that the Congress will then be able to take note of the considerable progress made in the fight against phthisis in human beings.

#### APHASIA.

Dr. Purves Stewart, in the *Medical Annual*, says that most cases of aphasia which come under the physician's observation are due to an organic focal lesion in or near the well-known sensory or motor cortical centres associated with the functions of speech. And such focal lesions are most commonly of vascular origin—embolism, hæmorrhage, or thrombosis, the last being the most frequent. Other important causes include cerebral abscess, meningitis, encephalitis, and brain tumours.

It is, however, less frequently realised that aphasia may occur as a *temporary* symptom in *certain acute diseases* without any evidence of a gross organic lesion. Thus it occurs, for example, in fevers (enteric, pneumonia, influenza, &c.), in the puerperium, in diabetes, gout, and renal disease. Such varieties of aphasia must be regarded as toxic in origin, being due to poisoning of the cortical speech centres by toxins produced by the specific microbe of the particular disease. The case is recorded of a case of small-pox in which there was aphasia of the motor variety. The patient remained speechless for three months.

## Appointments.

#### MATRONS.

Mrs. M. Gooch has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Ampthill Rural District Council Isolation Hospital. She was trained at the Borough Hospital, Halifax, and at the Stockport Infirmary, and for the last four years has held the position of Nurse-Matron at the Isolation Hospital, Taunton.

Miss K. Marguerite Waydalen has been appointed Matron-Nurse at the Ashburton and Buckfastleigh Cottage Hospital, Ashburton, Devon. She was trained at the Evelina Hospital for Children, and at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, and has since held posts at the Hinckley Cottage Hospital and elsewhere.

#### ASSISTANT MATRON.

Miss Florence Farrow has been appointed second Assistant Matron at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, Devon's Road, Bromley, E. She was trained at the Huddersfield Infirmary, and has held the position of Night Superintendent at Shoreditch Infirmary, and of Staff Nurse at the Seamen's Hospital, Ramsgate, and the Huddersfield Infirmary.

#### HOME SISTERS AND NIGHT SUPERINTENDENTS.

Miss McFarlane has been appointed Home Sister and Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Birmingham. She was trained for three years at the General Hospital, Birmingham, where she subsequently held the position of Theatre Staff Nurse for six months. She has also been Sister at the Kidderminster Infirmary, in a men's surgical ward, and in the Out-patient Department. Previous to obtaining her general training, Miss McFarlane had two years' training in fever work.

Miss Terry has also been appointed Home Sister and Night Superintendent in the above institution. She was trained at King's College Hospital and at the Evelina Hospital for Children, and has held the position of Sister at the Eye Hospital, Moorfields. For two and a-half years she worked in connection with the Army Nursing Service Reserve, and for four years in connection with the South African Constabulary. She has also had experience as Ward Sister, and as House-keeping Sister at the National Hospital, Queen's Square, and holds a midwifery certificate from the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, W.C. The appointments of Home Sister and Night Superintendent at the General Hospital, Birmingham, are held alternately for a period of four months.

#### CHARGE NURSE.

Miss Ellen E. Hill has been appointed Charge Nurse at the Union Workhouse Hospital, Thongsbridge. She was trained at the Stroud Union Infirmary, and has held the position of Assistant Nurse at the Bromsgrove Union Infirmary, Manchester, and of Charge Nurse at the Prestwich Infirmary, Manchester.

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