

in different parts of the room for the Surgeons in attendance, with benches placed near them for the patients; each desk has electric communication with the Waiting Room, and a code of signals having been arranged, the porter passes in patients, and otherwise carries out the directions of the Medical Officers. We notice at various parts of the floor brass discs inserted, and these are distance gauges for testing the eyes for spectacles or other purposes.

Last, but by no means least in importance, we will explore the basement, for we all know that without a good lower region neither house nor Hospital can be healthy, and to this end two conditions are needed—dryness and warmth. For the first, the magnificent subsoil of the city (red sandstone) offers an immense advantage. The latter is secured by three boilers, in the boiler-house, in constant use, night and day, for heating the Hospital, and supplying the hot-water service. There are also fires in the basement rooms. Ventilation is promoted by the arched structure of the passages; light by numerous windows and a plentiful use of whitewash. There is an exercising ground for patients, under arches for wet weather. There are also two apartments intended for a Turkish bath. All household supplies, provisions, vegetables, &c., in the rough state, are delivered in the basement, and sent up to the kitchen and upper stories by lift. Here also ends the shoot for soiled linen sent down from the floors above. Near the linen-shoot is the room where it is sorted and booked for the wash—an admirable arrangement to my mind, and one that might be imitated in other establishments besides Hospitals. In the basement, too, is the headquarters of the scrubbing department; and here are kept all the necessary appliances,

brushes, flannels, cloths, required in this important, if obscure, department of Hospital management; and near by, next the wall, a cabinet (?) not of curiosities, but scrubbing brushes laid on shelves, where the Matron has them stowed away out of sight, with other cleansing traps. There are the usual store places for coal and wood, gas and water meters—the latter kept from all risk of freezing by the warmth of the basement; the former being easily comestible, which is more than we can say of most households, so that the gas can be cut off from the main without delay or trouble. The Secretary also reminded us that there was a Record Office, for depositing old documents and papers in a dry chamber near the boiler; but as this is his department, we will not say any more about that. Something more in our way is a room set apart for the stripping and cleansing of those patients who require this process before going to the Indoor Department. The advantage of the location of this apartment will be obvious to all Nurses.

We again ascend to the ground floor by a different staircase to that we descended by. Right and left of the Front Hall, which is raised a step or two from the main entrance, are the Surgeons' Consulting Room, and the Secretary's Office. As that gentleman courteously allowed us to inspect it, we saw how handsome and complete it is in its fitting, furniture, and all necessary appliances for his secretarial work. There is, of course, a spacious and handsome Board Room on this floor, and the Dispensary. From this last there is a small lift, just sufficiently large to contain a basket of bottles, and leading to all the stories and the Operation Theatre at the top of the building. In going over the Hospital, we noticed that in many of the windows the upper panes—

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