

Chinaman is chiefly by outward and visible signs. The most rigid cross-examination as to symptoms fails ignominiously. It is almost easier to extort money from a Chinaman than to get gratuitous information. For his own safety he hesitates to give you personal facts, not being sure that his evidence will not be used against himself in some unforeseen manner. All the patients enjoy the foreign devils' blantlee, which is their English for brandy. A rooted conviction exists as to its power to perform stupendous cures, even in medicinal doses, and they are convinced it would be even more efficacious in bulk.

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"At night, before the patients settle to sleep, each carefully traces a circle round the spot on which he lies. This keeps the devils of the night at a respectful distance. If unable to move sufficiently to perform the rite with the finger as it should be done, patients often ask for a stick in order to trace out the magic boundary. 'Thus far shalt thou go' is the threat implied by John to the baffled devils outside the radius. It is a high personal favour if the doctor consents to write the name of the medicine on a piece of the blood-red paper which is believed throughout the country to possess some mysterious wonder-working power. A prescription on scarlet paper is an effective faith healer.

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"CHINESE patients are pre-eminently docile, gentle, and grateful. Many are treated for the opium habit, or 'black smoke sick' as the Chinaman has it. But the evils of opium are greatly exaggerated. Moderate indulgence has no bad effect; it is excess which causes so much mental and physical degeneration. We invariably allow our patients a small daily dole of it. Lepers receive larger doses to ease their pain.

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"WANT of exercise is the chief cause of illness among the more prosperous classes. No Chinaman ever walks a step beyond the actual requirements of his business. The English love of open-air games and exercise is a constant source of puzzle to the Chinese. They have long since decided that we play tennis and take constitutions entirely as a question of religious penance. Their principles of sanitation are the same to-day as they were in the beginnings of the Chinese Empire. Medical missionaries come and go—or are massacred. But the native system of open street sewers and every hygienic abomination continues, flourishes, and abides. However, it takes more than the breakage of every known law of health to kill any appreciable number of Chinamen."

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Marquess of Bute has presented the St. Andrew's University with the sum of £20,000 to endow a Chair of Anatomy in the University. Dr. Musgrove, the present Lecturer in Anatomy, is to be the first Professor, and the presentation will be made as soon as the ordinance creating the Chair is approved by the Queen in Council.

Archdeacon Sinclair has been appointed Chaplain in the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

Manchester is to have, in the near future, a Jewish hospital, which will be the first institution of its kind in this country, although some few hospitals set apart wards for the special accommodation of Jews. A scheme is on foot for securing a house capable of accommodating 30 patients. Two excellent reasons are advanced for the provision of special accommodation of Jewish patients. In ordinary hospitals the food provided is contrary to the regulations observed by the Jews, while many of the poorest Jews, being unable to speak English, cannot make themselves understood.

A sum of £300 is being raised to endow a child's bed at St. Anthony's House, Feltham, in memory of Cardinal Manning.

The foundation stone of a "Queen Victoria" cottage hospital has been laid at Morecombe.

An indignation meeting has been held in Barry, South Wales, to protest against the action of the Barry District Council in erecting a small-pox hospital, at a cost of £11,000, instead of a temporary building, which would have cost £900.

The Penmaenmaur District Council have secured an excellent site for their Isolation Hospital, consisting of six acres of moor land on the north-west side of Muellys. The approval of the Local Government Board has been secured. The hospital will contain four wards, to accommodate twelve patients, an administrative block, a detached two-storeyed building, in which the Matron, nurses, and domestic staff will live, and a third block, comprising a laundry, disinfecting rooms, mortuary, and ambulance house.

A new hospital, which has been erected at Summerfield by the Aberdeen District Committee of the County Council, has been opened by Mr. John Whyte, of Dalhobby, Chairman of the Committee. The total cost of the buildings is over £5,000. On the occasion of the opening the hospital was inspected by a large number of visitors, to whom Dr. Watt explained in detail the arrangements which had been made for the treatment and comfort of the patients. The wards presented a cheery and bright appearance, and Nurse

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