

The arrangements made for the disinfection of outgoing patients appear to be very complete. They pass into an ante room, where they leave all the clothes which they have worn in the hospital; then into a bath room, where they take a bath in a copper bath; and from the bath room to a dressing room, where uninfected clothes are awaiting them, after donning which they are presumably fit to leave behind the London Fever Hospital, with its pleasant grounds, and peaceful precincts, and to jostle once more with the crowd in the outer world. All the washing of the hospital is naturally done on the premises, and there is a large laundry which seems to be provided with everything necessary, and even desirable, for efficiently accomplishing the process.

Dr. Hopwood, who kindly took me round and showed me the various washing machines, and drying and airing arrangements, pointed out also a wonderful iron roller worked by machinery, which irons all the collars and cuffs, which are passed backwards and forwards under it, until the required gloss is attained.

Last, but not least, must be mentioned the mortuary, which is all but ideal, and if the Christian symbols were present would be quite so. One cannot but wish that there should be something to direct the attention of mourners to the fact of the "resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come." Perhaps this will come in time. Otherwise, the place is perfection, and any hospital authorities who are thinking of abolishing mortuaries connected with their institutions, which were erected, in or before, the days when Mrs. Gamp was a type of the refinement which existed in hospitals, and who desire to bring their mortuary arrangements at least up to a level with the improvements made in other departments, cannot do better than inspect the beautiful little mortuary at the London Fever Hospital, and take it as a model for their own. It was designed by Dr. Hopwood, who is much to be congratulated upon the result achieved. The mortuary proper is lined with white tiles, and furnished with slate slabs upon which the bodies are placed. The ventilation appears to be admirable. From this any body, which the friends wish to view, is brought into the outer mortuary, which is provided with a wooden bier which can be arranged to look like a bed. The floor of this mortuary is tessellated. The walls are tiled with tiles of a charming blue shade, over the door which leads to the general mortuary is some carving in stone, while right across the mortuary is a screen, of oak, for a short distance above the ground, and then of a large sheet of glass. The wisdom of this, in an infectious hospital, is obvious, while nothing could be less gloomy than the whole effect. An electric burner is so arranged as to throw light down upon the body.

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## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The hon. secs. of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London have received from Mr. W. Y. Campbell, of Johannesburg, £1602 5s. 3d., collected in the Republic.

The Prince of Wales and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark have graciously contributed towards the site of the Missions to Seamen Church, and Institute for Sailors and Fishermen of all Nations, which was dedicated by the Bishop of Liverpool and opened by Sir Savile and Lady Crossley, at Lowestoft, on Friday week.

The treasurer of Guy's Hospital has received a donation of £1000 from the Committee of the American Victoria Jubilee Fund to endow in perpetuity a "Queen Victoria Bed."

The treasurer of Charing Cross Hospital has received a donation of £1000 from the committee of the American Victoria Jubilee Fund, for the endowment, in perpetuity, of a bed in the Victoria Ward of the hospital.

The town of Northfleet, Kent, has raised a fund in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee, by which the poor of that town will be provided with the services of a district nurse, who will live at the hospital, in the neighbouring town of Gravesend.

We learn from the local press that the present accommodation for fever cases at Swansea is "wholly inadequate and unsatisfactory. The approaches to the Fever Hospital, especially in wet weather, are of a disgraceful character, and the buildings are altogether unsuitable for the purpose of sheltering the unfortunate patients. The small-pox sheds are a scandal to the borough." The enteric wards are described as tolerably bright and cheerful inside—"thanks chiefly to the labours of the nursing staff"—but the corrugated casing renders them "insufferably hot in summer and insufferably cold in winter." The Local Government Board has expressed its opinion of the hospital in a practical manner by refusing to sanction a loan for its extension. It is further stated that the nursing arrangements are carried on "under conditions which imperil the health and seriously interfere with the comfort of the nursing staff." Such statements should surely lead the Sanitary Committee of the Swansea Corporation to fully consider the condition of their infectious hospital, and, if the facts are as reported, to immediately set about providing a more suitable building.

The Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England intends to publish a monthly organ. The first number will appear next January.

It is proposed to erect an infirmary, in connection with the workhouse, at Dorking, to contain sixty-five beds, at a cost of £4000.

We are glad to see that the *Star*, with its usual vigour, is investigating complaints which have been

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