

The Lancet says: "The contest still goes on in *The Surrey Advertiser* between the Rev. Mr. FOWLER and other ministers of religion and those who claim for the Resident Medical Officer a voice in the question as to the fitness or frequency of their visits. We have already expressed our opinion that those who have the cure of souls and those who have the medical care of patients should take note of each other's functions and the interest of the patient, not forgetting that in an infectious Hospital unnecessary visits are a danger to the public. Reference has been made to the rules of the Fever Hospital in London on this subject. They are as follows:—

"Ministers of religion of all denominations shall have free and equal access to the Hospital, but no minister of any denomination shall receive any payment out of the funds of the Hospital in respect of his ministrations.

"It shall be a standing instruction to the committee and officers of the Hospital that any minister of religion desirous of visiting or ministering to patients of his own denomination shall be received with all courtesy, and shall be afforded all facilities consistent with the wishes and welfare of the patients and the convenient conduct of the Hospital."

THE first rule secures impartiality as between ministers of different sects and freedom of access;

the second qualifies the facilitation of the visits of ministers by regard to the wishes and welfare of the patients and the convenient conduct of the Hospital. It is obvious that the Resident Medical Officer is the best judge, and the only available one of the medical aspect of 'the patient's welfare,' and should not be ignored. But we can quite believe, as we are informed by Dr. HOPWOOD, the Resident Medical Officer of the London Fever Hospital, that he has always received from ministers of religion of all denominations the most courteous assistance in carrying out these rules."

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THE *Charity Record* remarks in an editorial: "We have received a copy of *Fackson's Oxford Journal*, of Saturday last, from which it appears that the Governors of the Radcliffe Infirmary, on the previous Wednesday, had a lengthy and somewhat lively discussion respecting an article in 'Burdett's Hospital Annual.' The Rev. C. J. H. FLETCHER, one of the Governors, called attention to a 'scandalous attack on the Infirmary, which ought not, as it seemed to him, to pass unnoticed.' He complained that 'early in the present year, Mr. BURDETT, the editor of a

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