

The lady superintendent and the house surgeon do not change their clothes in going from one department to another in the discharge of their various duties. Owing to the arrangement of the building it would be almost impossible to make the numerous changes of clothing required.

On leaving the entrance to go to any part of the building it is necessary to pass through a corridor connecting the two wings of the diphtheria ward. This is practically going through that ward.

The chute for infected and soiled linen is common to both floors.

There are two large ventilating shafts, one for each wing of the building. In each wing the various wards, public and private, and the dining rooms have all connexions with this shaft, but as there are no fans, the draft of air under certain atmospheric conditions is into the room supposed to be ventilated.

Lavatories—None of these are supplied with ventilators.

Dumb-waiters—Though there is a separate one for each floor and the utensils are all sterilized before being returned to the kitchen, as there is but one kitchen, which is generally hotter than the wards above, there is a constant interchange of air and flies between the different floors. The flies are very numerous in the several kitchens.

Admission room—All patients are admitted and examined in the same room and are then sent up by the common stairway or elevator to their respective floors. The kitchen help have to go through the entrance on their way to and from the store room.

Sterilizing room—The man who puts the bundles of infected clothing into the sterilizer takes his meals with the cooks and laundresses. The laundry is well equipped and no fault can be found with it.

The pathological work for both diseases is done in the same laboratory.

Elevator and stairway—The only stairway in the building runs around the elevator shaft, and is a perfect fire trap; the elevator itself is simply a warehouse hoist, which should not be used for patients. Accidents have occurred due to its faulty construction.

The nurses have separate dining rooms but there is a common kitchen and the same maid waits at table in both rooms.

The maids for the different wards have bedrooms widely separated, but eat at the same table.

The house surgeon has no bath-room. He has to use the ward bath and keep his street clothes in his bedroom with his hospital uniform.

There is now a case of mixed infection in the scarlet fever ward, attended to by a nurse who has also under her care some cases of pure scarlet fever. There is absolutely no means of isolating mixed infections.