

a rule, be well-nigh poisonous to their inmates from their foul air is a mystery to the medical mind. Dr. Angus Smith in his classical work on 'Air and Brain,' records a visit to a London court which at the moment of entering was extremely warm and unpleasant, and after some minutes intolerable. He stayed long enough to collect specimens of the air, which he found, on analysis, to contain a smaller amount of oxygen than any place above ground, 'except the gallery of an extremely crowded theatre at half-past ten at night.' But, he adds, the court air was still worse than that of the theatre, its temperature being very high, and the organic matter from perspiration in proportion. A handkerchief which had wiped from one of the windows a little of the animal steam by which they were dimmed smelt offensive afterwards. Law reform is a large subject, but the improvement of the courts in which it is administered ought to find a place in its programme. We are afraid to think of the valuable lives which may be slowly yielding to influences like those so disastrous to Justice Willes—bad air breathed during mental strain of the severest kind. How long will it be before the judge on the bench is as well off in the matter of oxygen as the prisoner in the gaol?

BEQUESTS, &c., TO MEDICAL CHARITIES.

Mr. Joshua Satterfield, of Alderley, bequeathed £10,000, free of legacy duty, to endow or benefit a Convalescent Home in the neighbourhood of Manchester. The National Orthopædic Hospital, Great Portland street, has received a second £1,000 from "E. D." The executors of the will of Mr. Thomas Dutton have, in the exercise of a discretionary power, given £250 to the endowment fund of the Blackburn Infirmary. The Infirmary of Epilepsy and Paralysis has received a second £1000 from "G. S." Mr. Edward Cad-dick has given a second £200 to the endowment fund of the West Bromwich District Hospital. The General Hospital, Birmingham, has received £200, under the will of Mr. G. Smith. G. S. Rotherham, Esq., has given £100 towards the funds of the Convalescent Home, Stillorgan, near Dublin.

[We publish the above as an illustration of the princely liberality of those who are able to assist the charitable institutions of London. We wish a few liberal hearts would do as much for some of our charities.—ED.]

The Report of the Oxford delegates on the "unattached" student scheme states that a careful student can get through his Oxford career for a sum not exceeding £50 a year.

Sir William Hamilton has suffered so severely at Simla from dengue that he shortly intends coming to England.