

pital in which the sick could be washed, this, however, is but a partial explanation, and is, in itself, an admission of the inadequacy of the Hospital to the wants of its inmates. We should suppose such an *exposé* as this was never before heard, and were it not for the testimony adduced we could not credit that in an enlightened community of British colonists, in the middle of the nineteenth century, a building, professing to be an Hospital, was not supplied with baths. In the subsequent inquiry as to the truth of this allegation, one of the Physicians stated that baths were obtainable, but that to get them the patient had to be sent "to some other part of the building than the ward he was placed in." This uncleanness seems to have been prejudicial to the interests of the institution; one witness (Mr. Bingham) says, "on going home I found lice on my clothes, and in consequence have foregone the privilege of attending the Hospital." And it is to be presumed that a similar reason prevented other students from taking out their tickets and increasing the funds by their fees.

Another cause of complaint was inhumanity. This trait of barbarianism, we are glad to perceive, is imputed to the sub-officials and not to the medical attendants. It is an error into which vulgar people are likely to fall when placed in posts of small authority, but it is one that, when detected, should be strongly discountenanced, and instantly remedied by the removal of the offenders. The guilty parties on the occasion under notice were an orderly named Burns and a Mrs. Donnelly. Burns in several instances is declared to have treated the patients very roughly, and to have shoved them about, both male and female, in a manner that was not becoming. In one instance he dragged a poor sufferer, exhausted by disease and misery, across the threshold of the Hospital upon the verandah and then violently dashed cold water upon his person. In another he was reprimanded by the Surgeon on duty for the roughness he exhibited in removing the clothes from a patient with a fractured limb. A monster of cruelty like this ought not to have been tolerated for a day and we cannot agree with those who would look lightly upon his harshness by referring it to his having been an old soldier, nor can we acquiescence in the testimony that "he was only fit to be among soldiers," for we think he was not fit to serve his fellow man in any position of life. Mrs. Donnelly seems to have been a nurse, whose forte lay in abusing the patients and too often putting an enemy into her mouth to steal away her brains. Occasionally she allowed her passion to so conquer her that she has said, in allusion to some invalid more wretched than the rest, "I will be the death of him." At other times her judgment has over-ruled the direction of the Attending Physician, thus "Dr. Bovell inquired of Mrs. D. why brandy which had been pre-