

and around the sides of the building are troughs for washing; this building is placed close to and partly over the water which is here fresh. They are supplied with fuel wood cut on the Island for the purpose by the party who remain during the winter in charge of the buildings, &c.

The healthy being thus disposed of, the sick have in the meantime been conveyed to the hospitals situated as already said at the Eastern extremity of the Island, their transport there is effected either in the ships boats (if the weather and tide admit,) or if these do not answer they are conveyed in a covered carriage, on springs, over a smooth gravel road. At the hospitals they are received by the Steward and Matron who having been previously notified of the number they have to receive, have made all the necessary preparations for their reception and comfort. They are before admission taken to the bath house, their hair cut and their usually filthy clothes removed, and being clad in hospital garments are placed in the hospital set apart for the particular disease under which they labour. Each hospital has a separate small cook and wash house, so that patients and their attendants in the Small Pox Hospital have no communication with those in the Fever hospital which is distinct in all its details, having a special nurse and orderly.

To return to the healthy, these after being all landed with every article of bedding and wearing apparel, etc., are set to wash, purify and clean, the straw and seaweed (German emigrants all use dry seaweed in place of straw) is emptied out of the beds and burnt in heaps at low water mark, fresh straw is issued from a store in the Island.