

sheeting covered with sterilized towels or sheets. Vessels should be provided and put into position to catch the pus as soon as it flows. Large loose tampons should also be used to mop up any escaping pus, and a receptacle for these should be provided immediately at hand, so that the pus is not passed across the operating table or to the nurses' table. These tampons and all infected sponges and gauze should of course afterwards be destroyed.

Recognizing the almost insuperable difficulties of disinfection after contact with virulent septic products, the utmost care should be observed by house surgeons and nurses not to become infected with such toxic matter. Forceps may often be used to handle infected sponges.

After such operations, any utensils or instruments known to have come in contact with the pus should be carefully kept from contact with uninfected utensils and instruments during the process of cleaning up.

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#### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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**New Hospital Staff.**—The members of the "outgoing" staff of the Toronto General Hospital were tendered, on January 4th, a banquet at the King Edward Hotel by the remaining members of the staff. The members of the "outgoing" staff are Dr. Hendry, Dr. Caulfield, Dr. Embree, Dr. Hair, Dr. Greenway, Dr. Sutton and Dr. Fawn. The "remaining" staff is composed of Dr. Caulfield, Dr. McNally, Dr. Adams, Dr. Burson, Dr. Burr, Dr. Davies, Dr. Biddy. Dr. Hendry, senior house surgeon of the outgoing staff, presided. For the usual six months' term the following have been appointed to the staff of the Toronto General Hospital: In Surgery—Dr. T. D. Archer, Campbellford; Dr. J. H. Soady, Toronto, and Dr. J. H. Kidd, Peterboro'. In Medicine—Dr. K. H. VanNorman, Toronto; Dr. F. W. Rolph, Markham, and Dr. F. J. Buller, Toronto.

**A Most Generous Donation to the New General Hospital.**—The Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto announced three weeks ago their donation of the splendid sum of no less than \$50,000 towards the new hospital scheme in this city. With their usual modesty no names were mentioned or publicity given as to who the active participants in the magnificent contribution were; but we learn that it was all subscribed in about half an hour at a meeting called for the purpose. We congratulate the Faculty upon their action, and feel that their generosity will be doubly appreciated owing to its being so spontaneous, proving at the same time their keen sympathy with the object in view.