

might be saved for religious purposes. The evidence given by the medical men proves that there is one great objection to the introduction of nuns, if not regular Sisters of Charity into Hospitals. They object to perform for the male sex those duties which are every where required of Hospital Nurses. Some Surgeons once complained to the Imperial Inspector of Prisons of the great want of cleanliness of the 'Gray Sisters,' who have the management of all the Austrian prisons, and this gentleman replied "if the soul is well cared for, the state of the body signifies little."—*Med. Times.*

The Neapolitan Hospitals.—"I saw no later than three days since, the dirt on the ground of one of the wards in San Sebastian 'caked' half an inch deep, hard dirt, while the attendants were washing pots, and kettles, and plates about the beds. That I may be the more precise, it was the Sala Vittorio Emmanuele. On leaving that Sala I went to another, and listened to the whispered complaints of a poor fellow who had been shot through the lungs, that he had been robbed frequently, and had not that frequent attendance necessary, as the discharge from his wound was so great. 'I gave the poor fellow, some money at times,' said a lady to me, 'because they are neglected, if they do not give the *infermieri* something.' 'I was robbed by my *infermieri* of a piastre or two which Victor Emmanuel left to me' said the wounded boy; 'get me into a more central place' and I did. I said the *surveillance* of the Hospitals had been conducted principally if not altogether, by foreigners; some honorable exceptions there have been, but still the rule holds good. English ladies have sacrificed their ease and time, and one has risked her life almost in the battle field, while Neapolitans have for the most part remained at home at ease, apparently indifferent to the sufferings of their brothers.'—*Times Correspondent.*

Toasts.—The formula for drinking healths among the Romans was: "Bene mihi, bene vobis, bene amicæ meæ, bene omnibus nobis, bene ei qui non invidit mihi, et qui nostro gaudio gaudet." All which is very much like a paraphrase of "Our noble selves."

THE NEW SYDENHAM SOCIETY.

At length three of the volumes of last year published by this Society have come to hand. We think that it is the duty of this Society to send its volumes to this country, and have them distributed among its subscribers here, as soon as they issue from the press, and are distributed in England. We have heard several complaints about the tardiness with which Canadian subscribers are supplied with their copies, and we must say, that this dissatisfaction is not unfounded, when they are aware that the Year Book, and Frerichs' work on the liver, have reached the United States some months ago. We are informed, moreover, that although a large package of volumes has arrived in this city, yet the imperfect manner in which his orders have been fulfilled, will render the Honorary Secretary unable to comply with the wishes of some new subscribers who have desired a complete set of all the published volumes. There is some mismanagement in London, which the Society would do well to look after.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

- THERMO THERAPEIA**; the heat cure; or the treatment of disease by immersion of the body in heated air; by Erasmus Wilson, F. R. S., 12 mo. pampt.
- A HAND-BOOK OF HOSPITAL PRACTICE**, or an introduction to the practical study of medicine at the bedside; by Robert D. Lyons, R. C. C., &c., Physician to Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin.—New York, S. S. and W. Wood: Montreal, Dawson and Son; 12 mo. pp. 185. 1861.