

mark's worth of office furniture. It can be better and almost as cheaply purchased in our own country. I believe that we shall be able, before many years, to say the same thing about our medical instruction. At least such is the impression made upon me, by comparing what I have, so far, seen of French, German and English methods. In my next letter I hope to give you my experiences of some Dutch and German hospitals.

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No better situation could have been chosen for the largest Dutch ophthalmic hospital than Utrecht. The city is about the geographical center of Holland and is the seat of a university founded in 1636 whose medical department is attended by a large number of students. Ophthalmology, as well as other branches of medicine, owes much to the Utrecht school.

It was the celebrated treatise of Donders on physiologic optics (translated into English) that opened the way for a clear understanding of the refraction of the ocular media, the mode of accommodation and the action of the extrinsic ocular muscles. All these and many other important matters have been elucidated by his worthy successor, Prof. H. Snellen. Two years ago the building of the new ophthalmic hospital (*Nederlandsch Gasthuis voor ooglijders* 49 *Bleijenburgstraat*, seventy beds with over five thousand outdoor patients and five hundred operations yearly—daily clinic 8 to 12, operations at 11) was opened. This is a very handsome eye hospital with wide corridors, high ceilings and cheerful indoor walks for the patients. It is built so that there is plenty of light where a good illumination is required, while convalescents can go about in covered ways suited to their condition. In this building Snellen gives the regular university courses for students. Here, too, other teaching is done by the Professor's sons, Drs. H. J. and W. Snellen and the other assistants. All the operators follow the Professor's example in making the corneal incision (in cataract extraction) extend slightly underneath the conjunctiva. Snellen thinks that if this is done so as

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