

Finished, and go on to what we call the Back Ward, a ramshackle old Chinese house which we use as a ward for specially septic or dirty Cases. It is packed with twenty patients in a place hardly large enough For the. This is not a show place, and when we take distinguished Guests over the hospital we usually leave out this ward altogether ; but You and I are here on business, so we must go the whole round. Ulcers of legs of all sizes, shapes and smells form the bulk of our Cases here; the people are usually very poor, many of the ulcers Being due to neglect and ill-feeding; not a few of these patients come On our charity account. From this we pass to the little isolation ward Close by ; it, too, has an occupant to-day, a poor little child whose whole Face is nearly destroyed by an acute inflammation. The odour from the Mortifying parts is too terrible to allow the child to be near other cases, Happily, we say, for she cannot live, and her sufferings are very severe ; The little one's life will not now last many hours.

The male paying wards next claim our attention. They are only Six in number, but they are always filled, and usually with serious cases. In one of the rooms is a boy, the only son of a well-to-do father, who, Greatly fearing to lose his only son, reluctantly consents to an operation For obstruction of the bowels. The operation has proved very success- Ful, and the father has presented us with a grand scroll in token of his gratitude.

But we must pass quickly on to the other big male ward of thirty- Four beds. We call this the Eye Ward, and try as far as possible to keep It for patients suffering from eye diseases ; but, unfortunately, other more Urgent cases often have to fill some of these beds. Many of these people Suffer from ingrowing eyelashes, a condition caused by the dust and sand Which blows over the plains. We operate on more than 200 of these Every year, the other eye cases being made up of cataracts and Inflammatory affections of the eyes.

THE WOMEN'S WARDS.

We have reached in our round the women's four paying wards.

These wards are not kept so strictly for women, and, if a man is accom- Panied by his female relations, he is allowed, in case of need, to occupy One of these rooms. The first we shall come to is thus occupied by a Man and his wife and mother. He is in for cure of the morphia habit;

He takes by injection 20 grains a day of the drug, a quantity enough to Kill about ten adults. He has been in for some time now, and has, we Trust, succeeded in getting over the craving for this drug. In the next Ward to him is a child suffering from Malta fever ; his father and mother are nursing him, but after being in hospital for about two montha the disease seems in no way to have lost its hold. Again, we have a woman