

THE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I would like, with your permission, to call the attention of the public to the following:—A mate of mine working here, suffering from fever, sought admission to the Government Hospital last week, but the medical officer in charge refused him point blank, saying that as he belonged to a medical friendly association his doctor had better look after him. Now, the sole object of the patient in going to the Hospital was for the sake of a bed and nursing, which he could not get at his camp. Having been refused admission, he had to go and do the best he could. Now, Sir, I appeal to your readers, if this is the treatment we are to receive at the Government Hospital. To my knowledge other cases have been refused. Now, I certainly don't think that as a man belongs to a medical friendly society he is to be refused admission to the Government Hospital. Are the Druids, Oddfellows, Hibernians, &c., to be treated in the same way? I suppose of the Government appointing a physician to the Hospital, but a public meeting should be called to protest against this cruel and arbitrary conduct. Are we not the people providing the funds for the maintenance of the Government Hospital? I would like to ask. I trust this will be the last case we shall hear of being refused admission to the Government Hospital because he cannot pay.—Yours, etc.,

A CORSAIR MINER.

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