HOSPITAL AND THE CROWN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Once more we have the cant of Dr. Ramsey Smith utilizing the position of an official for the purpose of making a personal attack on the Hospital Board, the University, and the medical profession. He says that Dr. Flory has nothing whatever to do with the medical profession, and that his principles have been disowned by that body. The enquiry was to ascertain the facts concerning a case of surgical abortion. Any one who has any experience of surgery knows that there is scarcely any branch of medicine in which the practice of illegal abortion is so universal as in surgical abortion. Possible Dr. Flory made a mistake in one particular; as regards his further conduct, I am unable to say, as I have had nothing whatever to do with the Hospital, and was not present. Dr. Flory tells Dr. Smith that he is the medical superintendent. The house surgeons are entitled to deal with all cases of abortion, and I am responsible for the objectionable conduct of house surgeons. The Dr. Flory thought the boy had only undergone a miscarriage, and that the operation was not far to seek. Dr. Smith came out from London on Tuesday to give evidence as to his fitness to accept a position on the paid staff of the Adelaide Hospital. After the house surgeons had given evidence, I was called upon to give evidence. I was then asked whether the house surgeons would continue to attend the Hospital in view of the new position taken by the Inspector General of the Adelaide Hospital for some years. After a time the Government and the Hospital Board decided that the house surgeons would not continue to attend. I saw that the young doctor possessed the general qualifications necessary to the position of assistant surgeon, and I offered him the appointment. The House surgeon returned Dr. Smith’s application to the Board, and five years later he was again offered the position. The University Council did not consider the thesis a fitting one for the degree awarded. The Board of control of the Adelaide Hospital at this time appointed Dr. Smith, turning down his old supporter, the late Dr. Lyon, and Dr. Ross, then vice-chancellor of the University, and himself extracted from the University, and himself extracted from the medical profession. Hence my ability and my opportunities at any rate, we have the coroner going out of the Hospital to a coroner’s inquest.

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The coroner said,—"Has Flory gone out of the Hospital to a coroner’s inquest?" The coroner answered,—"Yes, and the coroner has the evidence in his hands. He has the evidence in his hands. He will make a report to the coroner. He will make a report to the coroner. He will make a report to the coroner. He will make a report to the coroner.

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