

Later in the afternoon a capital entertainment was held in one of the large wards. It was attended by the Mayors of Shoreditch and Hackney, in their robes of office, who entered the ward in state, preceded by a mace bearer. The Musical Director was Mr. Charles Capper, so, needless to say, things were very well done.

It seems as if at last the hospital has entered upon an era of financial stability, for although the site is still heavily mortgaged, the balance of income and expenditure is on the right side, a result upon which the energetic secretary, Mr. J. C. Buchanan, is greatly to be congratulated. It means real hard work when the total expenditure is over £11,000, and the income from invested property £671 17s. 1d.

artistic and dainty. Heckford Ward, for instance, was in pale pink, and on each child's locker board, covered with a fine white tray-cloth, was a vase containing a pink flower, which carried out the colour scheme most effectively. Other wards were equally tasteful in pink and yellow.

The entertainment was held in the out-patient hall, where two great Christmas trees, given by the Chairman, Colonel Charles Needham, reached from floor to ceiling, and were covered with gifts, but before these were distributed the Band of the 1st Life Guards gave great pleasure by their fine music, while tea was served to the guests in adjoining rooms, and afterwards Mr. Douglas Beaufort brought



A MEDICAL WARD AT THE POLICLINICO HOSPITAL, ROME.

The above picture of a medical ward in the Policlinico Hospital, Rome, in charge of Miss Snell and her "Scuola Convitto Regina Elena," shows what progress has been made under her able supervision. The ward will compare favourably with those of any up-to-date hospital. We hope in a future issue to give further details of this interesting training school for Italian nurses.

At the East London Hospital for Children last week, the hospital looked most charming, the decorations in the wards being most

down the house with his humorous sketches, ventriloquism, and conjuring feats, shouts of applause greeting each trick as it was successfully carried out.

The fruit on the Christmas tree included gifts from their Majesties the King and Queen, and the Royal children, and many other kind friends and supporters, and *Truth* also sent some of its beautiful dolls and toys. Miss Row, the Lady Superintendent, and the Secretary, Mr. W. Wilcox, were most indefatigable in attending to the welfare of the guests, and the small

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