

is fitted with a wringer. Fitted to its side is a mackintosh table for scrubbing mackintoshes. There is a bedpan sink fitted with elbow action taps, and a white enamel bath on wheels, which discharges to the channel on the floor. The watercloset is cut off by a wood partition 7 ft. high. It is heated by a hot-water radiator, above which is an aluminium rack for bedpans, the hot-water pipes forming the bottom shelf for these pans. The one other item of interest in this annexe is the specimen cupboard, which is fitted into the wall above

referred from the medical and surgical side. Indeed, a striking difference between the patients in Mary Ward and in a lying-in hospital is the greater percentage with renal, cardiac, and pulmonary complications, as might be expected from the association with a large general hospital. For instance, there have been patients with such medical complications as pneumonia, acute rheumatism, pericarditis, and so on, and surgical complications ranging from sarcoma of the jaw to fractured limbs. Besides these there are the emergencies



THE MATERNITY WARD AT ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

the sink, and is arranged like a larder with perforated zinc outside, and glass doors in iron frames inside; it is lined with marmorite and fitted with marmorite shelves. It is used for keeping placentae, dressings, and specimens of any kind that may be wanted for inspection or demonstration.

"The sterilization of dressings, towels, gowns, &c., being carried out in the hospital basement, as for the rest of the hospital, no provision was necessary for this.

Included among the recorded cases are "patients with a previous history of difficult or complicated labour and patients

taken in from the district or sent in by doctors because of some serious complication."

We are indebted to Dr. Fairbairn for permission to print the accompanying picture of the maternity ward.

FOR MIDWIVES AND NURSES.

There are few maternity nurses who would willingly be without "King's Patent Cooked Oatmeal," for they know that, with a minute's boiling, a delicious cup of gruel can be prepared for a patient. It is also a very favourite beverage with midwives, before retiring again to rest after a disturbed night. It is supplied by the Albion Food Mills, Sycamore Street, E.C.

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