

surgeon, give instructions to a nurse, or interview a patient's friend, this must all be done in the publicity of the ward; but hospital architects are despots, and so it is decreed. The ward floors are of terrazzo, black and white in colour, but I learnt from the Matron that it is a matter of some difficulty to keep them satisfactorily cleaned, and, indeed, the employment of an expert for the purpose, at a cost of 30s. a week, is now suggested as desirable. The corridors are paved with terrazzo, which does not present such difficulties.

The wards are lighted on the latest approved method, the lower half of the central lights

of the domestic department of a hospital is the amount of labour which will be necessary to keep the large area of floor and wall space clean.

The nursing staff have their meals in the hospital, but live, when off duty, and sleep in houses apart. They are trained for three years, receiving a certificate at the end of that time if they pass their examinations and are otherwise satisfactory.

I must not omit to mention the dinner wagons, which are taken into the wards, and the tops of which serve as hot plates.

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NEW WING OF THE MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR SOUTH-EAST LONDON, GREENWICH ROAD, S.E.

THE NEW WING, MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, GREENWICH.

being shaded, and the light obtained reflected. The result is a subdued and pleasant, though rather dull effect. The shades for the lights over the patients' beds are still awaited from America.

One floor in the new block is devoted to the operation-room and its annexes, one of these being a bathroom for the use of the operating surgeons. This necessary annexe is, I was informed by the Matron, believed to be the first to be provided in a hospital in this country. In America the necessity for such provision has long been recognized. The operation-room has an excellent north light, and seems well planned for the purpose for which it is designed.

One feature of the new block which must strike anyone accustomed to the management

## REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Sir Thomas Crosby, the recent Lord Mayor, has thoughtfully given help to the Appeal Committee for St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The Municipal Council of Vienna, in recognition of their recent visit to London, have sent 5,000 kronen (£206 3s. 8d.) to give to any charitable object in the City of London of which Sir Thomas approves, and he has informed the Treasurer that it gives him great pleasure to hand it to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. We could wish it had been earmarked for a new Nurses' Home Fund.

A male Committee which cannot be made to realise that the present nurses' quarters at this

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