

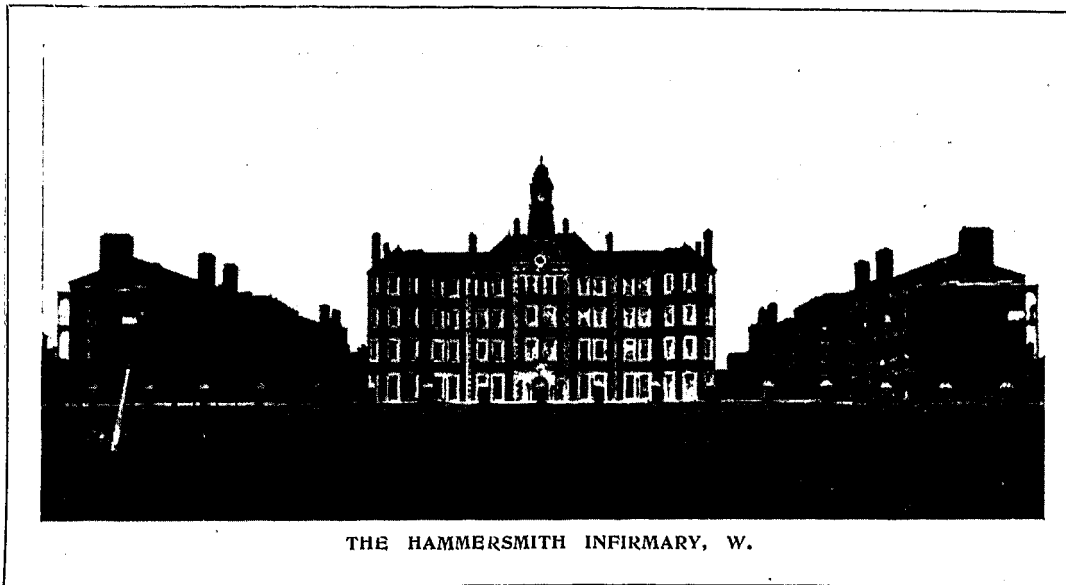
## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

### THE HAMMERSMITH INFIRMARY.

The Hammersmith Infirmary, Ducane Road, Shepherd's Bush, one of London's newest infirmaries—which must not, by the way, be confused with the Fulham Infirmary at Hammersmith—is well placed in an open situation, with the White City on one side and Wormwood Scrubs prison on the other. As will be seen from our illustration, it is a handsome building in the form of a double H, and its size may be estimated from the fact that the corridor, which runs the entire length of the building, is a quarter of a mile in length.

The maternity block is self-contained, and each bed in the ward has its own little white-curtained cot attached. The babies look as healthy, sturdy, and winsome as babies born in happier circumstances.

The bed in the labour ward is excellent in design—high, and of a design which makes any sagging an impossibility. The Infirmary is recognized as a training school in midwifery by the Central Midwives Board, and this valuable experience is offered to those who have done well in their general training, as it is, of course, impossible for all the probationers to pass through the maternity ward. The maternity pupils, two in number, have a most comfortable



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The wards are very bright and cheerful, each containing some 28 beds. There are two on a floor, and one Sister is responsible for the two. Besides the medical and surgical wards there is an isolation block, and it was satisfactory to learn from the Matron, Miss Northover, that all cases of syphilis are sent to this block, and the nurses are aware of the kind of cases which they are nursing and the dangers connected with this kind of work. Miss Northover considers that notification is the only means by which this disease can be coped with, but fears that the opposition to this would be too strong for such notification to come within the sphere of practical politics.

The children's ward is a happy place, but pathetic when one notices the wizened faces of the marasmus babies, or is introduced to the healthy-looking infant found on a doorstep.

sitting-room allotted to them, which they can use for studying.

The operating theatre is excellently equipped, and all the nurses are taught to know the instruments, and are expected to be able to fetch any instrument which may be asked for. The silver-plated and copper sterilizers are evidently the pride of the Sister-in-Charge, and are burnished to a state of perfection not to be surpassed in any hospital in the kingdom.

The training of the nurses must be a matter which receives considerable consideration, both from the Medical Superintendent and the Matron, and they strike the visitor as keen, alert, and professional in appearance. Miss Northover, besides holding a certificate of three years' training from the Middlesex Hospital, is a certified midwife and certified masseuse, and, in addition, has had practical ex-

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