

perience in laundry work and cookery, so that she is exceptionally well qualified to superintend a training school for nurses. Previous to her appointment as Matron to the Hammersmith Infirmary she was Assistant Matron at the Croydon Infirmary, so that she is well acquainted with the many problems of the Poor Law.

The nurses have very comfortable quarters in their Home, and each has a separate bedroom.

administration of the institution should be in the hands of the Asylums Board.

The Board is to be congratulated that it has decided to appoint a research bacteriologist at a salary of £500 a year in accordance with the recommendation of the Hospitals Committee, whose duty it would be to inquire into the causation, infectivity, prevention, and treatment of zymotic disease.

In support of the proposal the committee stated that since 1870 the admissions to the Board's fever



THE CHILDREN'S WARD, HAMMERSMITH INFIRMARY.

The great kitchen is fitted with every modern convenience, and the scrubbed table, which is in daily use, is as white as the deck of a man-of-war. Higher praise is impossible. M. B.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board decided provisionally last Saturday to allocate the lower Southern Convalescent Hospital at Dartford as a sanatorium where tuberculous patients can be received and treated under the Insurance Act on terms proposed by the London County Council. It is proposed that the Council should select the patients, determine the length of their stay, and pay the entire cost of their treatment, but that the engagement of the staff and the general

hospitals have been upwards of 500,000, and the number of deaths nearly 40,000. Since the Board was constituted about £15,000,000 have been expended in the provision of hospitals for and in the treatment of infectious sick, but no practical step has been taken with the view of ascertaining the causes of the diseases received into the hospitals.

The total number of deaths from the principal epidemic diseases during the last five years in London has been 22,649, of which 10,199, or 45 per cent., were attributed to measles. The committee stated that these facts fully justify the making of a determined attempt to save life and to reduce the great expense involved in maintaining large isolation hospitals. It is confidently believed that these results are likely to be achieved when the causes of zymotic disease have been discovered.

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