

The Bishop said that he and Canon Basil Wilberforce had signed the pledge together in 1873, and had never regretted it. He spoke of the change in public opinion since the Temperance Hospital was first opened in 1874, when it was difficult to get patients into the wards, the feeling expressed being they "weren't going there to be murdered." The work done by the hospital had been educational as well as curative, and it had had an immense influence on the practice of other hospitals, so that where hundreds of pounds were formerly spent on stimulants, the amount could now be reckoned in shillings.

Other speakers were Dr. J. Porter Parkinson, and Mr. Arthur Evans, M.S., F.R.C.S.

that the salaries paid to nurses were such that those who desired to see labour adequately paid should be ashamed. He wondered that the nurses of all the London hospitals did not strike.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks.

We are indebted for our illustration to the kindness of the Secretary of the hospital, Mr. A. W. Bodger.

## REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

We are glad to note that the King, who recently opened the new building of the National Institute for the Blind in Great Portland Street, W., has sent the Lord Mayor £100 towards his fund, which now amounts to upwards of £10,000.

A practical means by which help may be given to the blind is to write to Mrs. MacNicol, 188, Marylebone Road, London, N.W., who will supply information of that most helpful Institution, the National Institution for Massage by the Blind. An appeal has recently been sent to the medical profession urging that a trial should be given to 100 operators of both sexes who are experts in massage.

Mr. George Verity has been elected chairman of Charing Cross Hospital, and Lord Lonsdale has become Treasurer. The latter has already helped greatly to augment the funds.

During the ensuing financial year the Metropolitan Asylums Board will put in hand extensive works for improvement in the various institutions under its control. A new hot water system is to be installed at the cost of £1,000 at the Eastern Hospital, which will materially expedite the bathing of patients. At the North-Eastern and North-Western Hospitals provision is to be made for further accommodation for the women members of the staff, which is urgently required, and the Board has decided not to spend further substantial sums upon repairs at the North-Eastern Hospital, but to reconstruct the wards gradually.



THE CHILDREN'S WARD, TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.

recently appointed a surgeon to the hospital, who expressed himself as "dead against alcohol," which he regarded as one of the most powerful factors in nullifying the uplift of the world. He referred to the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases now sitting. These diseases were rampant, and the time had come when they must be stamped out. Alcohol must be regarded as at least a predisposing cause, as it excited animal passions and diminished self-control. Of the crowd which inhabited the underworld of our social system, many were led there by alcohol, which was the ally of disease and of death. He referred to the good work of the Matron and nursing staff, and said

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