

THE FRIENDS' MATERNITY HOSPITAL, CHÂLONS.

Miss E. M. Pye, who this week vacated office as Secretary of the National Union of Trained Nurses in order to take up work as Matron of the Friends Maternity Hospital at Chalons, recently gave an account of the work to a meeting of members of the National Union of Trained Nurses and their friends at Weston-super-Mare.

The offer of the Society of Friends to send an expedition to France to help the civilian population was gratefully accepted by the French Government, and a party of men and women left this country in the autumn, the latter all being members of the N.U.T.N. The work was of extreme difficulty as it was in the Marne district, and villages and farms were in ruins.

The women and children were living huddled together under most insanitary conditions, in cellars and out-houses, and many of the patients were brought in from villages still under fire.

Miss Pye mentioned that she visited a hospital at Rheims where the Matron, a Frenchwoman, trained in this country, told her that she had had to clear up after ten different bombardments, and all the patients had been in the cellars for weeks. The only light and air available for the maternity ward came through the door.



MTONDOLINI WAS TROTTED ABOUT THE STATION.

MESSRS. ALLEN & HANBURYS.

When renewing surgical appliances, hospital stores, and necessities in the outfits of nurses and midwives, it should be remembered that Messrs. Allen & Hanburys have, at 48, Wigmore Street, W., a large selection from which to choose. It must not be forgotten also that the Allenburys' Foods are very valuable preparations for both infants and invalids.

MELLIN'S FOOD.

Amongst the preparations which have a widespread popularity, founded on the solid basis of practical experience of its utility, is Mellin's Food (Mellin's Food, Ltd., Peckham, S.E.), used for humanizing cow's milk, so as to suit the digestive power of children at various ages.

THE PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY.

The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality states in its Annual Report just issued that the stirring events of the year which have echoed throughout the world, have permeated every form of human activity, have acted and re-acted on the social and economic conditions of every country, and are reflected to a considerable extent in the year's work of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. The War has helped to arouse the conscience of the nation, as perhaps nothing else would have aroused it, to a sense of the supreme importance and value of healthy motherhood and infancy. Social workers generally, from the heads of the Govern-

ment downwards have devoted much attention to the problem; State aid on a generous scale, in the shape of grants both from the Local Government Board and from the Board of Education, has been made available for municipal and philanthropic Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, as well as for Day Nurseries. The Local Government Board has recently issued a circular with the object of organising a complete scheme, which includes arrangements for the following elements: the local supervision of midwives; ante-natal clinics for expectant mothers; pre-maternity beds in hospitals; skilled advice, if necessary in hospital, during

labour and the puerperium; treatment of infants at baby clinics, with extension of such treatment to children under school age, and home visiting of mothers and infants by doctors or health visitors. An unprecedented number of new welfare institutions for mothers and babies have sprung up; a great demand has arisen for training in mothercraft of voluntary and other workers, and this need has been promptly met by the Association. Further, the welfare work that not long ago began only with the new-born babe is now being systematically extended to cover the ante-natal period as well.

The Association has been active in working for these reforms, and for the betterment of the conditions of mothers and infants.

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