

which to train midwives. The terms of admission for trained nurses, for board, lodging, and instruction for three months are £12 12s., when a certificate can be gained by passing a written and oral examination in midwifery. For untrained women £21 is paid for six months' instruction. For maternity nursing only, £12 12s. for three months. The pupils take duty in the wards or district as arranged by the Matron.

They are also prepared for the examination of the Central Midwives' Board, and the two

ters on the staff, and I cannot but think that if the quality of such work were appreciated at its just value that more help would be afforded by the authorities. I venture to suggest that the lack of a resident medical officer is a very serious omission upon the part of the management, as at present the medical students have to be taught by the Matron and Sister, and such an official is very greatly needed to attend with them and take responsibility at the district cases, and to help to prepare the pupil midwives for the C.M.B. examination.



THE MATRON'S SITTING-ROOM, MATERNITY HOSPITAL, ABERDEEN.

pupils who have attended this year have both passed, and there are six being prepared at present for the same test.

The Matron, of course, approves of trained nurses taking the midwifery course, rather than those who have no previous experience in the care of the sick, and about half the pupils at Aberdeen this year are so qualified.

I was extremely struck with the method and management inaugurated by Miss Beedie throughout every department of the hospital, which means incessant work and watchfulness upon her part, and that of the excellent Sis-

As there is good accommodation for a resident medical officer in the hospital it would not entail much extra expense. It adds very greatly to the anxiety of the Matron to work the wards and districts without resident medical assistance, and is not the safest system for the patients.

Then I think it undesirable that the Matron of any hospital should be "tied up." She should be free for general supervision. At present Miss Beedie is on duty during the Sisters' days and nights off duty in the wards and labour ward, as the hospital cannot be

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