

Glasgow, Stobhill Hospital.—M. G. Moir.

IRELAND.

Belfast Incorporated Maternity Hospital.—E. Sevestre.

Dublin, Rotunda Hospital.—M. J. Baker.

ABROAD.

Hong Kong, Government Civil Hospital.—A. E. Gorham.

PRIVATE TUITION.

A Belshaw (Nottingham Workhouse Infirmary), G. M. Bolton, F. O. B. D. Booker, F. E. Bouttell, F. L. Broughton West, C. M. Clark (Salvation Army Maternity Hospital), A. M. Cook, M. A. Corcoran, F. B. Dangerfield, M. Davies, Z. F. Donnelly, A. F. Easton, S. A. Eva, S. Evans, M. A. Fennell, J. Glover, M. E. Green, P. E. M. Greenard, M. I. Griffin, L. C. Guilford, C. A. Holland, E. M. Holstead (Nottingham Workhouse Infirmary), J. A. Hughes, J. Hutchinson, M. Inglis, J. I. S. Jacob, L. J. James (Kingswood Nurses' Home), E. Jones, F. Kay, M. R. King, D. M. Kinselle, R. Lander, E. F. Leresche (St. Mary's Hospitals, Manchester), V. L. Lunt, E. A. McIntyre, L. B. Mapleston, A. Marshall, N. W. Peplow, A. Perrin, J. L. Prestidge, F. E. Quilliam, A. L. Reid, E. J. Roberts, F. Rodmell, M. Sheehy, F. E. D. Shute, M. A. Smith, M. D. Smyth, M. E. Stanton, M. E. Tharme, E. E. Tomlinson, E. Towns, A. J. Watts, S. A. Webb, E. West, M. L. Williams, S. M. Wilson.

The Rotunda Hospital, Dublin.

The principal business before the Board of Governors of the Rotunda Hospital at a recent meeting was the consideration of a report of a Special Committee appointed in February last to consider and report upon the Master's proposals for the construction of two new modern Labour Wards. The Committee reported that they were satisfied that a change in the Labour Wards was urgently necessary, owing to the large increase in the number of maternity patients treated in the Hospital since the construction of the existing Labour Wards, causing over-crowding, which militated against the welfare of both patients and nurses. The number of patients admitted had increased from 1,599 in the year 1890 to 2,596 in the year ended 31st March, 1911. The nursing staff had also increased. Consequent on these increases the Labour Wards had become too small for the work performed in them, and the necessity for a radical change in their construction and management had become apparent. Such change was, however, up to the last few years, impossible, as no space was available for new wards. This state of affairs was, however, completely changed by the building of the new Annexe for Nurses, as by removing the nurses to this Annexe two large top wards in the Thomas Plunket Cairnes Wing had been emptied. The Committee recommended that one of these large wards, with the three small wards beside it, should be formed into a distinct unit for the reception of maternity patients, separate from the lying-in wards.

A Mothercraft Club.

At an influential meeting held at the Eastbridge Hospital, Canterbury, recently, it was decided to form a "Mothercraft Club" in connection with the Canterbury Maternity Association. Mr. Frank Wachter, Medical Officer of Health, was elected President, and Mrs. C. W. Bell and Mrs. Ferguson, Joint Secretaries. It was further decided: "That the club be open to all mothers of infants under one year of age and to expectant mothers living in the municipal area of Canterbury, and irrespective of religious or other differences. That members are not bound to employ the Maternity Association's nurse at their confinements. That infants requiring other than dietetic or hygienic treatment will be referred to their family doctor. That no infant suffering from any infectious complaint be brought to the club. That members shall pay 1d. per week for membership of the club; this entitles them to infant consultation, a cup of tea, and any classes that may be held."

Miss Morgan, the Queen's Nurse working as the Maternity Association's midwife, explained how voluntary helpers might assist the work. They could act as visiting members of the club to inquire as to absence from meetings, and to see that the recommendations given at the club were being carried out; they could make back flannels and woollen vests, give patterns to be sold to the mothers at cost price, and assist at a needlework class to show mothers how to cut out, make and mend; they could give social help at the club meetings, take charge of the children brought by members, prepare the room, tea, and books, and help to keep registers of members and records of infants.

"Minding the Baby."

An admirable little booklet, "Minding the Baby," by Mrs. Leonard Hill, is published by Mr. Edward Arnold, 41 and 43, Maddox Street, Bond Street, W., price 3d. in paper, or 6d. in cloth cover. Dr. Christopher Addison, M.P., who contributes the preface, states that it is intended for the use of Teachers in Public Elementary Schools, and as a class book for elder girls, for young mothers, etc. The preparation of such a book was suggested by the Bill which Dr. Addison has introduced into Parliament, whereby it is provided that simple instruction in the care and feeding of infants shall be given to all older girls in public elementary schools, to the need for which there is abundant testimony.

The practical teaching given in this little book is imparted in a pleasant form, and deals with "The Bath and How to Give it," "Clothing," "How Baby is Fed after it is Bathed and Dressed," "How Babies' Bottles are Kept Clean, and Why," "How Baby spends its Day after being Washed, Dressed, and Fed, and How to Keep a Baby Well," "How to Know if the Baby is Thriving," "How to be Happy with Baby," etc. The booklet could usefully be circulated by midwives, nurses, and such societies as the Mothers' Union.

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