

clad in unpolished morocco leather of St. Patrick's blue. In the centre of the cover is the Queen's monogram "M" in gold surmounted by her Crown. Round this device lies a wealth of May blossoms and shamrocks inlaid in coloured leather and in turn surrounded by a circular Celtic band in gold line.

#### THE QUEEN VISITS A MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

To say that the Queen received a magnificent reception as she passed through some of the poorest parts of Dublin to the Coombe Lying-in Hospital does not in any way express the warm-hearted delight of the populace. Flags and handkerchiefs waved from windows, roofs, and pavements, and shouts of "God bless the good Quane," mingled with hurrahs all along the route, and no one was more manifestly happy than the smiling "Quane."

At the entrance to the hospital her Majesty was received by Mr. Wellington Darley, one of the trustees, Dr. Gibson, the Master, other officials and guests. Miss Joy, the Lady Superintendent, had a delightful duty to perform. In her arms was a lovely babe born on Coronation Day, little Georgina Mary Carroll, whose tiny fingers clutched the fringe of a most exquisite bouquet of roses and asparagus fern, and who, tenderly guided, presented the bouquet to the Queen, who enclosed the wee hand in her own, and accepted the flowers from the youngest person ever entrusted with such a pleasing duty.

"How old is she?" asked the Queen.

Irish wit replied, "She is twice a nine days' wonder."

Great preparations had been made at the hospital for the reception of the Queen; the front was gaily decorated with flags and garlands of flowers, and inside flowers bloomed, and there was brightness everywhere. Nurses smiling and trim were in attendance wearing a badge inscribed, "Coombe Hospital. Visit of Her Majesty the Queen, July 10th, 1911," and were inspected by the Queen. The patients anticipated the visit with the greatest pleasure. All was suppressed excitement. Round every ward the Queen was conducted, speaking kindly to nearly every patient, and easily winning warm Irish hearts. Everything was in perfect order, and the Lady Superintendent and her staff were much congratulated thereon.

The Queen consented to be photographed in a ward beside a patient who had suffered a very serious operation, a photograph in which Dr. Gibson, Miss Joy, a Sister, and the Royal bouquet form a delightful group. Before leaving the hospital Her Majesty visited the newly opened dispensary and the maternity ward, and here she found two pairs of

Coronation twins

—a boy and a girl in each case—to be named George and Mary.

In the Board Room the Queen signed the visitors' book, and accepted a handsomely-bound brochure, giving a history of the institution. She expressed her thanks, and then said a warm "Good-bye" to the Directors and staff, and the crowds renewed their hearty demonstration of welcome as the Royal party returned to Dublin Castle.

We are indebted to the Editor of the *Daily Mirror* for the picture of the Coronation babe.



THE CORONATION BABE, ITS NURSE  
AND BOUQUET.

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