

The Midwife.

NOTES ON MATERNITY HOSPITALS.

THE SALVATION ARMY MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

Ivy House is one of the oldest houses in Hackney, and its prettily decorated rooms have been adapted by the Salvation Army for use as a Maternity Hospital in connection with their Rescue Homes, but soon will be superseded by a larger one now in course of erection at Clapton. Ivy House, small as it is, seems to be managed with some considerable skill. Every two months a class of ten pupils is admitted, and each class remains four months, so that there is never a general exodus of pupils or the trouble of all beginners. Lectures are given twice a week to each class by the Secretary, herself a midwife, and also weekly by the doctor. The training is four months, the fee being eighteen guineas for the term.

The Hospital is primarily for rescue cases, but there are two private wards for married women. In spite of the age and inconvenience of the house, everything looked in perfect order, and, of course, exquisitely clean, whilst

an atmosphere of peace and contentment reigned over all.

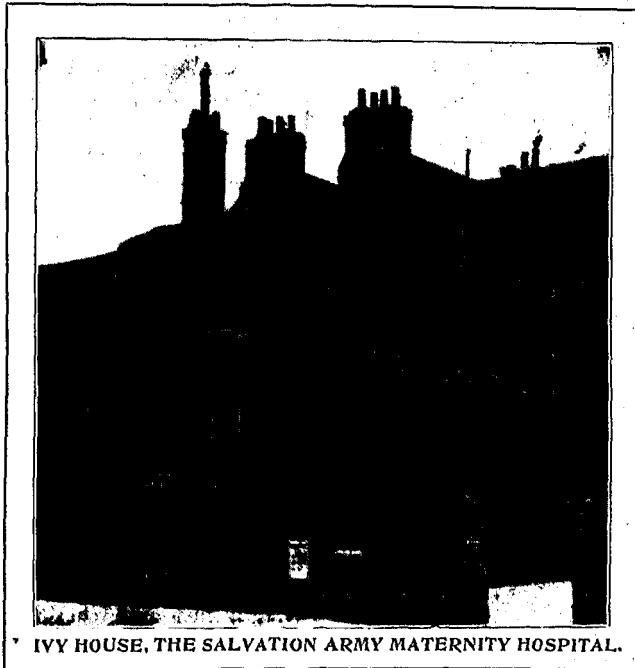
There are three Rescue Homes from which the girls come: Brent House, situated close by; Clifton, at Lower Clapton; and Lorne House, Stoke Newington, which was given by H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, who takes a continual personal interest in its work. The girls are kept in hospital three weeks, and then sent to Brent House until they go to friends or situations are found for them.

THE BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

The Ladies' Committee of the British Lying-in Hospital some time ago started a library

for the nurses, which has been much appreciated. The Samaritan Fund and Convalescent Home, which are managed by the Ladies' Committee,

is an inestimable boon to the poor mothers. Seventy mothers and infants were sent away last year to gather strength in purer air and under better conditions before returning to their homes. Also when the ex-baby is an obstacle to the going away of the mother the



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LORNE HOUSE GARDEN—THE BABIES THRIVE IN THE OPEN AIR.

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