

additional rooms for the nursing and domestic staff. The total cost, including the site, is estimated at £10,000, towards which some £3,000 has been received. The Secretary, Mr. Arthur Watts, will, therefore, receive with gratitude donations—large and small—towards the enlargement fund. Most of the wards in the hospital are small, containing two, three, or at most, four beds—a very desirable arrangement for cases of this class. One noticed that the baby's cot, instead of being slung at the bottom of the bed is, in several of the wards fixed at the side, where the mother can easily see the child. To take it out of the cot is strictly forbidden. Every cot has its hot water bottle, and the babies

One of the special features of the hospital is the incubator tent—for premature or delicate babies. The wooden frame-work is on the clothes horse principle, easily put in place, covered round the sides and over the top with white blanketing, loose in texture—a most important point to be remembered—as otherwise the air could not circulate freely through, and the result would probably be asphyxia for the child. Heat is supplied by electricity, the current being switched on from any ordinary instalment.

The hospital has now a private nursing staff, run on the equitable system of a payment of 7½ per cent. on their earnings, by its members, to the hospital for working expenses.



A WARD AT QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL.

all appear to be happy and contented. It is interesting to learn that the fathers take the greatest interest in these cots, and often go home to make one themselves—announcing at a later visit that the cot is prepared and ready for the reception of the new arrival.

The supervision exercised over the babies is very thorough, the temperature of each infant is taken daily, and recorded on its own special chart, on which a daily weight record is also kept. By this method any deviations from the normal are noted and treated at once, with the result that the majority of the temperature charts are wonderfully steady, and that the weight-chart, after a slight drop during the first few days, shows a line mounting steadily upwards.

MOTHERS OF THE RACE.

Miss Alice S. Gregory, Hon. Secretary of the Home for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich, writing in the *Times* on the above subject, in reference to the suggestion of the Women's Co-operative Guild that there should be a municipal service of midwives, with a minimum salary of £100 a year—rightly insists that "if the country is to complete the task left half-finished in 1902, if it is to expend considerable sums annually on the life and health of its mothers and infants, let it profit by its past blunders and the wisdom of other European countries, and realize that in paying for its midwives it acquires the right to demand

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