

THE MATERNITY HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.

A most delightful Hostel for midwives while in training at the Maternity Hospital, Birmingham, was opened on Wednesday in last week.

It is situated about two minutes' walk from the Hospital, which is in the centre of the city. There is ample accommodation for thirty pupils, with several bathrooms and a most charming sitting-room. Each pupil has a separate bedroom which is daintily furnished, each room looking fresh and homelike. The washstands are of a

loud in praise of the beautiful wallpapers, pretty carpets, &c.

The Birmingham pupils in midwifery are trained partly in the modern perfectly equipped Hospital, and partly under the District Midwives in the homes of the very poor, so the training is specially good and complete. Pupils without previous training are taken for four months, the fee being £26 5s., and trained nurses are received for three months for the fee of twenty guineas.

Miss Bett, the recently appointed Matron of the Hospital, brings to her work not only great experience, but a great love of the mothers and



SITTING ROOM, BIRMINGHAM MIDWIVES HOSTEL.

special pattern, and while the basins are white earthenware the ewers are of polished copper. There is a very roomy wardrobe with large drawers for each pupil, and for those on night duty a specially quiet part is arranged. The Superintendent of the District Midwives lives in the Hostel, and has charge of the pupils while they are there.

Although the Hostel is in the centre of a big city, great care has been taken by the Ladies' Committee to make the whole place as cheerful and like a real home as possible, and every one was

babies. Two charming specimens of babies, not twenty-four hours old, were exhibited on Wednesday to an admiring crowd, one with a little black head, and one very fair, both daintily robed and decorated with pink ribbon.

Miss Hunt, the lately appointed Superintendent of the Districts, is keen on making the Midland midwives some of the best in the country.

The Midwives (Scotland) Bill was amended on report in the House of Lords on April 30th and recommitted.

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