

THE BABY CLINIC.

Visitors to the Royal Academy this year cannot fail to be impressed by the charming group in bronze in the Central Hall, by Mr. Richard R. Goulden, which is to be placed in Lincoln's Inn Fields as a memorial to the late Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald. In addition to the lovely bronze children, there is a memorial in flesh and blood in memory of Mrs. Macdonald and her friend Mrs. Middleton, in the Baby Clinic at 12, Telford Road, North Kensington, where excellent work is being carried on in caring for that often neglected class of the community, the children under five, in a very poor district.

On Saturday, June 27th, the Clinic is to have a Children's Festival and Birthday Party, from 3 to 7 p.m., at Crosby Hall, Chelsea, in aid of the funds; for naturally the work demands all that it can get, and more than it receives, for its support. A most attractive programme has been arranged, and as entrance tickets, including tea, cost only one shilling, and for children under fourteen threepence, the festival should be well supported, though the Clinic will not grow rich, we imagine, out of entrance fees. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. H. H. Schloesser, 3, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. Mr. Pett Ridge will perform the opening ceremony, and there are to be many interesting competitions for which prizes will be awarded in the course of the proceedings.

COMPETITIONS.

FOR CHILDREN.

No. 1.—*The Best Original Drawing of a Child.* By (a) a child under 14, (b) a child under 10, (c) a child under 5.

No. 2.—*The Best Original Drawing of Animals.* By (a) a child under 14, (b) a child under 10, (c) a child under 5.

No. 3.—*The Best Poem by a Child under 14 (state age).* The prize poem will be published in *The Labour Woman*.

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No. 4.—*The best Original Drawing of a Baby.* Entries for this competition must be received by June 15th. The prize drawing will be reproduced and copies will be for sale at the Festival. The prize will be a watch.

Other Competitions are, No. 5, the Best Home-Made Dress for a Child of 1-5 years, material to cost only 1s.

No. 6.—(a) The Best Home-made Toy; (b) the Best Home-made Useful Thing for a child. Material to cost one penny.

No. 7.—The Best and Most Suitable Set of Clothes for a child of three months.

No. 8.—The Best New Invention for Making Child Care Easier (e.g., new methods of feeding, carrying, amusing or educating babies). Written descriptions, with diagrams or small scale models of large objects, should be sent:

No. 9.—The Best Method of Amusing, with small outlay, a child under five, who is to be left alone. (Entries to be written.)

No. 10.—The Best Dinner for children between three and six years old. (Entries to be written.)

No. 11.—The Best Designed Motto for a Nursery.

No. 12.—For Bachelors. (To be written.) (a) the best way to stop a baby crying, (b) the best diet for a baby a year old.

No. 13.—The Best Amateur Photograph (a) of a child, (b) of children, (c) of anything.

The entrance fee for each competition will be 3d., to be sent with the entry. All entries for the competitions must be sent to Mrs. H. H. Schloesser, c.o. Women's Labour League, 3, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., and must reach her not later than June 25th, except those for No. 4, which must arrive by June 15th.

There will also be a plasticine modelling competition and a drawing competition during the afternoon, for which the entrance fee will be 2d. The prize winners will be announced in the course of the afternoon.

All entries sent in for the competitions will be the property of the Clinic, and will be sold at the Festival, except original drawings, which will be returned if the competitor desires, and sends a stamped and addressed envelope for the purpose. The number of the competition must be clearly marked on the entry, also the name and address of competitor.

Midwives and nurses who are only too well aware how often babies who are born healthy deteriorate physically during the first five years of life for lack of care and skilled supervision, will welcome the clinic, and, we feel sure will do all they can to support it for the sake of the merits of the work as well as because it is a memorial to two very noble women. The work is of supreme value in connection with the nurture of the race.

CARE OF THE UMBILICAL STUMP.

The method used at the University of Minnesota is detailed by Dr. Fred Adair in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. After cessation of pulsation, the cord is clamped near the body, the surrounding skin and cord cleansed with alcohol and the clamp removed. A ligature is tied in the groove made by the clamp. The end of the cord and the surrounding skin are painted with tincture of iodine, half strength, in some cases, in others left untreated. A sterile gauze dressing is tied over the end of the cord. The babies are oiled for three days, then washed, no tub bath being given until the naval has healed. Each day the stump and surrounding skin are washed with alcohol, and the dressing changed when necessary. Oily dressings have not given good results. Gauze seems to permit of better and more rapid drying of the stump than cotton.

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