

The Midwife.

USEFUL APPLIANCES AT 50, WIGMORE STREET.

Maternity nurses and others interested in child welfare work will find innumerable useful appliances of every description at Messrs. Bell & Croyden's, 50, Wigmore Street. One of the most interesting is the apparatus for sterilising the baby's milk, by means of which ten 8 oz. bottles of milk can be sterilised at one time. The steriliser is easy to manage and by an ingenious arrangement the sealing of the bottles is ensured during the process of cooling so that the milk can be kept in them for days before it is used. By the use of this apparatus, too, the dangers which result for the baby from the over-sterilisation of milk are avoided. The most up-to-date feeding bottles can be procured from this firm and there is a large selection of teats, including that which is now so popular and is known as the Marylebone teat because it was first introduced at the Marylebone Dispensary. It is so designed that only those muscles are brought into play which would be used if the baby were breast-fed, and its form is such that there is little chance of even the most delicate baby becoming tired before it has had the food it requires. Those who contend that malformations in the teeth and gums may owe their origin to a badly-designed teat will admit that the risk is non-existent in the case of this carefully designed teat. The Marylebone Cream, now well known at all infant clinics throughout the country, can be procured from the firm, and this also was first used at the Marylebone Dispensary, having been introduced by Dr. Eric Pritchard. Owing to the ease with which it is digested and absorbed, it forms a valuable constituent in the food of even the youngest infant and should be much used in the nursery in these days when it is becoming increasingly difficult to procure the fats so important to the healthy development of children.

A very ingenious contrivance is that designed by Messrs. Clarke for heating the baby's food in the night. It does away with the necessity for maintaining a fire for this purpose, or for procuring methylated spirit.

It is almost unnecessary to refer to the accouchement outfits to be procured from Messrs. Bell & Croyden, except to emphasise the completeness of their equipment and the thoroughness of their sterilisation and sealing; tins opened after a long period of years have been found to be absolutely sterile. Nurses who obtain their supplies from this firm will, we feel, sure, be thoroughly satisfied, particularly as the appliances and dressings easily bear comparison with articles procured from sometimes less reliable sources.

PENS FOR THE LAMBS.

One of the evils of institutional life for infants is, that owing to the lack of an adequate staff of nurses, healthy children often spend a large proportion of their time in their cots. It has been suggested that the high mortality rate of babies in institutions is partly due to the fact that they are cheated out of their fair share of dandling, which is their equivalent to exercise, and thus their livers are not sufficiently stimulated. The Pen should find its place in all institution nurseries when the babies can with safety be placed on mattresses and exercise their limbs to their hearts' content.

Where this plan is in vogue a great improvement will be observed in the health and contentment of the children without any extra labour.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD (IRELAND).

The Central Midwives Board for Ireland has now been constituted. The names of the appointed members are as follows:—

Appointed by the Local Government Board for Ireland.—E. C. Bigger, M.D., M.S., R.C., Irel.; L.M., K.Q.C.P., Irel.; D.S.M., R.C.P.S., Irel.; Medical Commissioner of the Local Government Board for Ireland.

Appointed by the Local Government Board for Ireland after Consultation with the County Councils and County Borough Councils.—H. T. Warnock, L., L.M., K.Q.C.P., Irel.; F.R.C.S., Irel.; Alderman J. McCarron.

Elected by the Registered Medical Practitioners Resident in Ireland.—Sir A. J. Horne, L.R.C.S., Irel.; F., L.M., K.Q.C.P., Irel. Sir W. J. Smyly, M.D., U. Dub.; L., L.M., K.Q.C.P., Irel.; L.R.C.S., Irel. Sir J. W. Byers, M.D., M.S., Q.U., Irel.; M.R.C.S., Eng.; L.M., K.Q.C.P., Irel.; Hon. M.A.O., R.U., Irel. Professor H. Corby, M.D., M.S., Q.U., Irel.; L.A.H., Dublin.

Appointed by the Local Government Board for Ireland under Section 3 (1) (c).—Miss J. H. Kelly, Matron, Maternity Hospital, Belfast; Mrs. M. Blunden, late Matron, Lying-in Hospital, Cork; Miss A. Michie, Superintendent for Ireland, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses; Miss G. O'Carroll, Matron, Coombe Lying-in Hospital, Dublin.

Section (3) (1) (c) of the Act provides for the appointment of four women (referred to in the Act as midwives' representatives), of whom three shall be appointed after consultation with recognised nursing associations in Ireland.

After February, 1923, a midwives' representative must be certified midwife under the Act, and previous to that date must hold an approved certificate.

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