

The Midwife.

THE ELSIE INGLIS MEMORIAL.

THE NEW HOSPICE, EDINBURGH.

Those who are acquainted with the life's work and aspirations of the late Dr. Elsie Inglis know well that no more suitable memorial could be erected to her memory than the Maternity Hospice of which the foundation stone was appropriately laid by the Viscountess Novar, on St. Luke's Day (October 18th), "the good physician whose praise is in the Gospels." Although Dr. Inglis was best known for her work in Serbia, and elsewhere, in connection with the Scottish Women's Hospitals, it was her life-long wish to build a hospital that would bring skilled help to the women in the poorer districts of Edinburgh, amongst whom much of her life was spent.

The Hospice, which will have a magnificent outlook to Arthur's Seat and the Salisbury Crags, will, when completed, have 40 beds.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Wallace Williamson, after which the Lord Provost, Sir Thomas Hutchison, who presided, said those present were gathered together to pay tribute to a lady whose name was a household word all over the Empire by reason of her devoted service in the Great War. Nothing could be more appropriate as a memorial to one whose lifework was devoted to the well-being of the women and children of the city, and who died on active service in the cause of humanity. The Maternity Hospice was the outcome of the child-welfare work undertaken during the war which owed its inception to the Public Health Committee of Edinburgh Corporation.

Viscountess Novar said it was fitting that they should erect memorials to the outstanding figures in that great company of men and women who, whether as doctors or nurses, represented amidst these world-wide scenes of death and destruction the healing forces of renewal and reparation. They were to the weary, mud-stained, enduring armies the rainbow of the storm, giving them an assurance that humanity, civilisation, and cleanliness were still realities, which would one day be restored to them, and that love was still the ever-fixed mark that looked on the tempests and was never shaken. If this was true of all our own hospitals in the whole of our own fighting area, how much more true and impressively true it must have been in Serbia and to the Serbians. To them the apparition of Dr. Elsie Inglis and her unit must have had something of the same miraculous character as the Angel of Mons, and, when their common humanity was proved by their common suffering in retreat and capture, and by their human sympathy and efficient services, they still remained in the eyes of the Serbs a pledge and symbol of the great external forces fighting on their side, and a reminder that their heroic struggle

in their remote corner was not forgotten by their great Allies. Dr. Elsie Inglis was a life-long warrior, but, in her armoury, there was no poisoned arrow or mailed fist, and her warpath was strewn with flowers. She had left nothing behind her but the memory of a very gracious personality. This Hospice was a most appropriate memorial to her memory, for, from her earliest days, she had longed to build a hospital of her own that would be of use to the women of the Cowgate, Canongate, and Grassmarket, and to extend the scope of women doctors. When this Hospice was completed, that wish would be fulfilled, and Edinburgh would have a splendid women's maternity Hospice on a lovely site, to which women might come in their hour of trial, and receive the best medical aid and that rest and freedom from home worries which was so essential to their own health and that of their infants. Therefore, Dr. Elsie Inglis' name would be enshrined for ever in that monument of her life work, and many who entered that building would call her blessed.

Councillor Mrs. Millar then presented Lady Novar with a trowel, with which she proceeded to lay the stone "well and truly," after which Lady Frances Balfour paid an eloquent tribute to Dr. Elsie Inglis' work and personality, and Dr. Isabel Venters, on behalf of the trustees, executive committee, and medical staff, thanked those present for their attendance, after which the proceedings closed with the Benediction.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD FOR IRELAND.

EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following are the questions set in the Examination of the Central Midwives' Board for Ireland on October 9th:—

1. What do you understand by "subinvolution" of the uterus? What are the causes and symptoms?
2. An expectant mother tells you that she is suffering from severe headaches, with impaired eyesight, and scanty urine. What would you suspect to be wrong, and how would you confirm your suspicions? Whilst waiting for medical advice, what would you do for the patient?
3. What are the causes of early rupture of the membranes, and what complications may arise?
4. What do you mean by "abortion," "miscarriage"? In such cases what points would you consider necessary to report to the medical attendant?
5. Enumerate the causes of hæmorrhage during the first three months of pregnancy.
6. Mention the varieties of contracted pelvis most commonly met with in this country, and their cause. Give the measurements of the normal diameters of the brim of the pelvis.

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