

# MATERNITY NURSING

## LECTURE I THE PELVIS

**A**LTHOUGH it is not considered necessary for a monthly nurse to be well versed in the anatomical details of pregnancy, yet to a certain extent she should understand something of them; so I shall commence my lectures by the study of the pelvis in such a manner as I think will be of use to you.

The pelvis, then, is a bony basin composed of the hips and the lower bones of the spine; and containing the bowels, bladder, and organs of generation.

It is usually described as being formed by the juncture of four bones—namely, the two **ossa innominata**, the **sacrum**, and the **coccyx**.

The **Ossa Innominata** are the two hip-bones, and each bone contains a deep round cavity called the **acetabulum**, into which the large rounded