

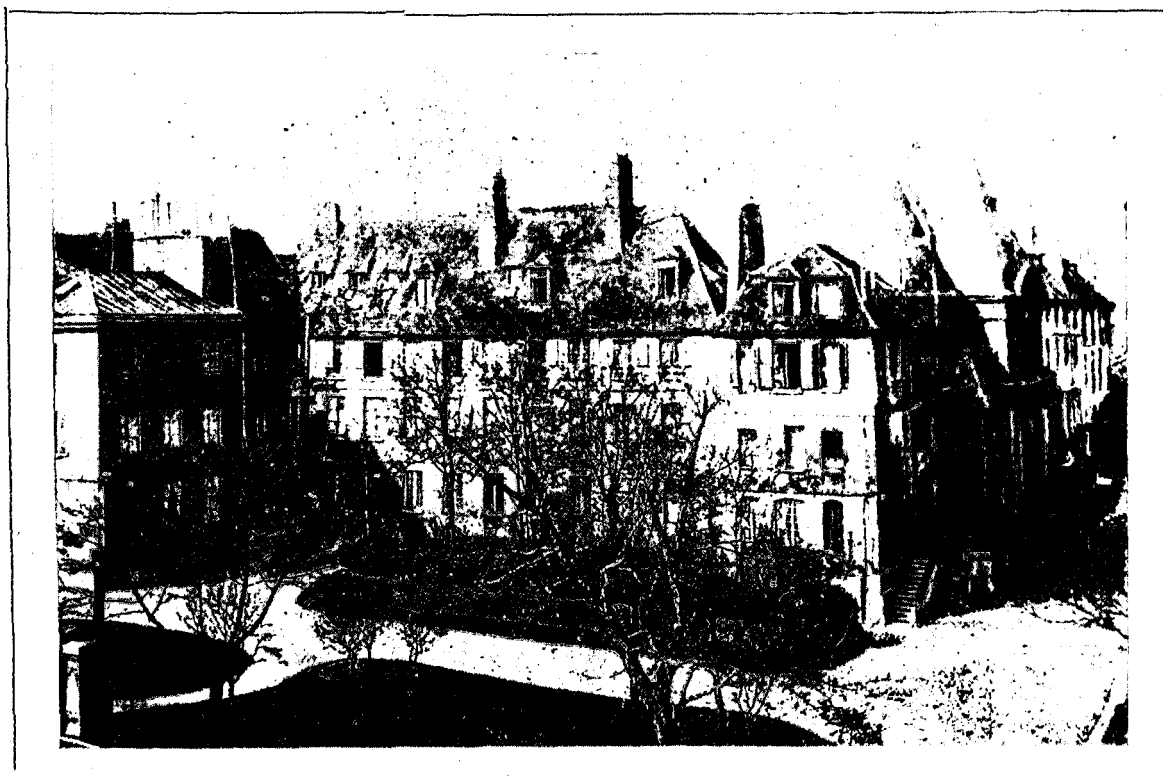
The Midwife.

A French School of Midwifery.

THE MATERNITY HOSPITAL, PARIS.

The Maternity Hospital in the Boulevard de Port Royal must be doing an excellent work in a country with a diminishing birth-rate. Here every scrap of humanity appears to receive that care and attention which is due to every infant coming into the world, besides which it is an excellent training ground

Pupils are received for a two years' course between the ages of 19 and 35. They pay fees amounting to £40 a year for their board, lodging, and instruction, as well as £2 for books and instruments, and an examination fee of £1. They also provide their own uniform, which is of blue and white striped Oxford shirting, the first year, red and white the second. During the two years the pupils may go out once a month with their fathers, mothers, or husbands. The training year com-



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for the *sage femme* who afterwards works in the provinces where the lowest fee she receives, for conducting a case, which fee is paid either by the municipality or the patient, is 25 francs (£1).

The hospital contains 125 beds, and the cases are conducted by a fully qualified *sage femme*, who also instructs the pupil midwives during the progress of the labour. There is no resident medical officer, and if complications arise a doctor is summoned by telephone.

mences on July 1st, and examinations are held in May and June of each year.

The labours are conducted in the general wards, and screens are conspicuous by their absence. As we entered one ward a delivery was taking place at the upper end of it. A case of triplets three days old was interesting, two cots and an incubator being beside the mother.

If a patient's temperature is above normal, she is removed to the upper floor, where there are small wards with two beds in each. A se-

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