

ASSOCIATION OF INSPECTORS OF MIDWIVES.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, on Friday, May 21st. Morning Session, 11 a.m.; Afternoon Session, 2.30 p.m. Sir Francis Champneys, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Chairman of the Central Midwives Board), will deliver an address at 3 p.m.

Inspectors of Midwives, who are not members of the Association, are invited to the afternoon session.

The Committee will meet at 10.30 a.m.

A. A. J. POLLARD, *Hon. Sec.*

MIDWIVES' TOTAL ABSTINENCE WAR LEAGUE.

Midwives, writes a correspondent, are being circularised as largely as is practicable asking them to join the above League. Those working as private nurses are difficult to reach except through the medium of the Press; they are earnestly asked to join with practising midwives by pledging themselves to abstain from alcohol (that ordered by a medical practitioner excepted) until the termination of the War. Those in the profession who are already total abstainers will help the scheme by sending in their names. The pledge is as follows:—

I undertake to abstain from all alcohol* until the termination of the War.

Name.....

Address.....

Date.....

* Alcohol ordered by a medical practitioner excepted.

Signatures should be sent in to the Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, with M.T.A.L. written on the envelope, not later than May 31st.

Throughout the country there is a vast movement on foot to combat the dread enemy of Drink. The great temperance cause is gaining many adherents who before have held back, because they realise that their beloved country needs arousing to the insidious and demoralising effects of excessive indulgence in alcohol. Will midwives follow the King, and by their example, influence, and combination make themselves a powerful factor in this crusade? There is not one who has not said: What can I do more for my country in its hour of need? The type of midwife who celebrated the birth of the new baby by joining the friends in a glass of wine, or spirits, is happily historical only, but there are many who take a little alcohol occasionally—broken nights, hard days, hurried meals make them think a little stimulant necessary. It is these women who by their self-denial and example will add to their influence for good in the homes

they visit by joining those who are already abstainers, in the Midwives' Total Abstinence War League.

POST-GRADUATE WEEK FOR MIDWIVES.

The Third Post-Graduate Week for Midwives will be held at the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, S.E., on May 17th to 22nd, inclusive. The subscription for the course is 5s., and those who wish to join should send their names and subscriptions to Sister Olive as soon as possible. All certified midwives are eligible.

PROGRAMME.

May 17th (Monday).—4 p.m., Reception by Matron and Staff. Tea. 5 p.m., Lecture by Dr. Fairbairn.

May 18th (Tuesday).—11 a.m., Clinic in Wards, conducted by House Physician. 2 p.m., Meet at Hospital; Visits to Queen Charlotte's, East End Mothers' Home, and Salvation Army Maternity Hospital. 8 p.m., Lantern Lecture.

May 19th (Wednesday).—11.30 a.m., Clinics on "The Baby," conducted by Ward Sisters. 3 p.m., Lecture by Sister Olive. 5 p.m., Dr. Fairbairn's Lecture to Pupil Midwives, followed by Clinic on Abnormal Cases.

May 20th (Thursday).—11.30 a.m., Demonstration in Milk Kitchen. 2.30, Meet at Hospital; Visits to the Medical Museum and Marylebone Infants' Clinic.

May 21st (Friday).—11.30 a.m., Demonstration in Milk Kitchen. 2 p.m., Meet at Hospital; Visits to College of Surgeons' Museum and Walker-Gordon Dairy Farm. 4.30, Tea at Hospital. 5.30, Lecture by Sister French. 8 p.m., Post-Graduate Lecture at Midwives' Institute by Dr. Willett. Tickets, 6d. each.

May 22nd (Saturday).—11 a.m.—1 p.m. Test paper (optional). Prizes given.

JEWISH MATERNITY SOCIETY.

Lady (Marcus) Samuel presided at the annual meeting at Toynbee Hall, of the Jewish Maternity District Nursing, and Sick Room Helps Society of which she is president. Mrs. L. Model (the hon. secretary) read the following letter to Lady Samuel from the Queen's private secretary:—

"Dear Lady Samuel,—I have laid your letter before the Queen, and am commanded by Her Majesty to thank you very much for the report, which you have been good enough to send for the Queen's inspection. Her Majesty is interested to hear that your Society were the pioneers of the scheme for 'home helps,' and that your hon. secretary has been working in conjunction with the Central Committee on Women's Employment for the training and employment of 'helps.'"

Mr. A. Lazarus, the treasurer, stated that the model maternity home of the Society with its six beds was quite inadequate for the work.

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