SCOTTISH MIDWIVES’ ASSOCIATION.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Midwives Association was held in the Royal Maternity and Women’s Hospital, Glasgow, on January 23rd, 1918, Mrs. Greenless, Glasgow, presiding. There was a very good attendance of members.

A letter was read from the President, the Duchess of Montrose, expressing regret that she could not be present as chairman of the first annual meeting of the Association.

Letters of congratulation and helpful encouragement were read from Lady Balfour of Burleigh and Dr. Haig Ferguson, Edinburgh, both regretting their inability to be present.

The Chairman, having asked the secretary to read the report, said, in moving the adoption thereof, that it gave evidence of a year of good, solid work. As the chief object of the Association, as set forth in the constitution, is to promote the interests of midwives and to raise their status, she hoped that each member in giving her very best work, would realise that she was thus upholding the prestige of her Association. It was very gratifying to note the increase in membership since the first days of inauguration.

He emphasised the importance of educational work by the Association. The education of the midwives was a step forward in the prevention of infant mortality. The speaker took the opportunity of giving to the members a few helpful words on the correct attitude of the midwife towards the patient. He urged them to take every opportunity of gaining more knowledge. He spoke of his gratification at the action of the Government having withdrawn, and the money would be given in the form of maternity benefit. Lord Knutsford said the action of the Government had disarmed his opposition. The wedding gift was now as dead as the Dodo, and the money would be used for the purposes for which it had been subscribed.

Dr. Jardine (one of the visiting physicians to the hospital and an examiner for the Central Midwives’ Board), also addressed the meeting. He spoke with appreciation of the formation of the Midwives’ Association and hoped it would develop into an educational centre. He urged the midwives to take every opportunity of gaining more knowledge. He spoke of his gratification at the response made by the midwives in attendance at the post-graduate lectures given by him in the hospital. As they had, in their work, to be responsible for the lives of two people—mother and babe—it was very necessary for them to endeavour to get the best training.

Lectures on Infant Care.

Lady Barrett delivered the first lecture of an advanced course on Infant Care, organised by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, on Monday, January 28th, at Wimpole Street, her subject being the Development of the Embryo in Uteri.

Her lecture was illustrated by lantern slides showing the various stages of the impregnated uterus until full time.

The Bill then passed through Committee, with amendments.

Word for the Week.

Go back to the simple life, be contented with simple food, simple pleasures, simple clothes, work hard, pray hard, play hard, work, eat, recreate, and sleep. Do it all courageously. We have a victory to win.—Mr. Hoover.