

The Midwife.

Scotland's First Mothercraft Exhibition.

THERE IS AN ORDEAL in store for Scottish Fathers who may be just "looking-in" on Scotland's First Mothercraft Exhibition and Conference, which opens at the McLellan Galleries, Glasgow, [this month, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 24th February, 1955, at 2.0 p.m., for one of the most popular competitions which always drew the largest crowds at London's first Mothercraft Exhibition in 1949 will be held again, although this time for Scottish competitors only.

Fathers' Baby Handling Competition.

This will be judged by the Matron of one of Glasgow's hospitals for children. To win a prize a poor "father" will have to change, bath and dress a baby professionally and any, even the slightest, mistake such as using the wrong hand for holding the baby, or not knowing the correct way to fold a "nappy" may lose him many valuable points.

Organiser of this unique Exhibition is Mrs. Eileen Henderson, who has been responsible for many of Britain's most original shows, and who first thought of the idea of a Mothercraft Exhibition.

The Mothercraft Exhibition will be open daily, except Sunday, from 2.0 to 10.0 p.m. and admission will be only 1s.

Other great competitions taking place during Scotland's Mothercraft Week will be a Baby Snapshot Competition, which will be judged by Glasgow's famous child photographer Mr. Norton Pratt. The first prize will be a portrait photograph of the winning baby to the value of ten guineas (£10 10s.).

The Handicrafts Competition also looks like being one of the highlights of this unique exhibition. There is *no entry fee*, but only one piece of work may be entered by each competitor in any of the following sections:—

Needlework, Embroidery, Leatherwork, Soft Toys, Jewellery Making, Lampshade Making, Crotchet Work, Pottery, Artificial Flowers, Basketry, Weaving, Knitting and Quilting.

First prize is £10, with bronze plaques and certificates of merit for the runners-up.

Judging will take place at the Exhibition and the winning entries will be displayed in a prominent position in glass cases.

There will be a pram park for mothers and fathers who wish to bring their off-spring and in the Commercial Section many new articles for the Nursery and Mother's Workroom will be on show.

Scotland's famous Hepburn Prams, Mr. Norton Pratt's wonderful child photographs, baby soap and powder, cereals, rusks, patent baby foods, a new delicious type of orange juice for babies, knitting machines for making baby clothes in the home and many other interesting exhibits will be displayed in that section.

Scotland's first Mothercraft Exhibition is not sponsored by any Scottish or English newspaper, woman's journal or publishing company, but an independent, non-subsidised private enterprise.

Book Review.

Gynaecology for Senior Students of Nursing.*

By John Cairney, D.Sc., M.D., F.R.A.C.S.

NEW ZEALAND has produced some of the best authorities in the world, on this and kindred subjects; and this publication is no exception.

It is primarily written for the more advanced student, who will find the subject intelligible without the assistance of an instructor.

The early chapters, serve the basis for later discussions.

It presents a survey of modern gynaecology, with explanation to the type of reader for whom it is intended.

Here is a wealth of knowledge, easy to read in a comparatively small volume. It has excellent illustrations, and is highly suitable for students preparing for final examinations. Invaluable also, for trained staff, who have to deal with gynaecological cases. D.B.

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The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

A MEETING OF THE General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W.1, on January 28th, 1955.

Miss D. M. Smith, C.B.E., Chairman, Presided.

At the commencement of the business the Chairman proposed that a vote of thanks be forwarded to Lady Mann on the occasion of her hospitality when she presented the painted portraits to the Council of the first two Nurse Chairmen of Council—Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., S.R.N., and the present Chairman.

Congratulations were also expressed to Miss Darroch, a member of Council, upon her name being included in the New Year List of Honours.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £4,300 for Cash Account and £400 for postage were allowed.

Disciplinary Cases.

The Council considered disciplinary cases and resolved that the name of Lizzie Major (nee Thwaites), S.R.N. 201975, be removed from the Register of Nurses; judgment was postponed on the conviction proved against Alice Georgina Fuller (nee Tucker), S.R.N. 74564; and Jean Aitken, S.R.N. 214290; the name of Jose Borastero, R.M.N. 14960, be removed from the Register of Nurses; the case of Eva Tankard (nee Wilson), R.F.N. 9349, be dismissed with a caution.

Next Meeting of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for February 25th.

What to Read.

Biography.

"Ivor." W. Macqueen-Pope.
 "Anna Coro. Her Life and Times." Eric Baines.
 "Father of Nobody's Children." Norman Wymer.

Fiction.

"No Price for Freedom." Philip Gibbs.
 "A Grand Man." Catherine Cookson.
 "The Wilder Shores of Love." Lesley Blanch.
 "The Same Scourge." John Goldthorpe.
 "Out of their Night." T. Rowland Hughes.

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