

pulse are satisfactory the midwife can safely leave, always, however, giving an address where she can be found if wanted.

5. We all know how difficult it is to secure proper attention for the very poor during their ten days in bed, but the midwife must do her best. If she is nice to the neighbours, and takes care to express her gratitude for any kindness to the patient they will generally be willing to help. If it is a case of abject poverty the midwife should make the case known to the relieving officer, the secretary of the Charity Organisation Society, or to the clergy of the parish. If the mother is half-starved how can she feed her baby? Even if the case is an undeserving one, the child's life is of national importance, and help should be forthcoming.

6. This supervision of babies is not, and never will be, enforced, but all good midwives and district nurses should do their best to keep their eyes on their old cases. They can by this means try to prevent the baby getting "a bit o' what we 'as ourselves"; they can inveigh against dirty bottles, tube bottles, comforters, and all the countless foes that the poor wee mite has during its first twelve months of life. In town work this might be well-nigh impossible, but in all country towns and country districts it can be easily accomplished. If every country midwife did this how greatly and how simply should we diminish the infant mortality of our country! The writer of this article is a district nurse, and midwife, and fully realises what a tax this after care of the babies is, but surely it is a labour of love which meets with a great reward. The poor mothers know their ignorance, and are generally most grateful for help. Of course, some are met with who resent interference, but few resist help from those who really love and want to take care of their babies. The most unapproachable mother will as a rule relent and talk to anyone who takes a real interest in her children. The more loving care a midwife gives to her babies, the more surely they will reward her, in their own fashion, for all that she bestows upon them.

#### THE CITY LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

The Lord Mayor presided recently at the 157th annual Court of Governors of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, City Road.—Mr. J. Francis (the Chairman of the Committee of Management) moved the adoption of the report, in which it was stated that during last year the number of in and out-patients was 3,448, exceeding that of any previous year in the history of the charity. In the out-patient department 2,772 women were attended at their own homes. The income during last year reached £5,293, but the expenditure was £6,350. It

was also reported that a further payment of £5,176 had been made on account of the new building, making a total expenditure under that head of £35,244, while a balance of £1,500 remained outstanding. The loan from the bankers had been reduced to £22,000 by the sale of investments.

## The Central Midwives' Board.

EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 11, 1908.

Candidates examined 453. Passed 370. Percentage of failures 18.3.

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