

ferred to "that hated Board," the Central Midwives' Board of England. Thanks to Mr. Matheson, he thought the time was coming when they would be able to shake off the yoke of the Board.

Sir William Smyly said that the English promoters of the Midwives' Act Amending Bill would not have Ireland included in the Act, but said they would allow the Rotunda to put its midwives on their Register without undergoing the examination.

Mr. Matheson, who said that he had always regarded the state of affairs with regard to the Midwives' Act as a shocking injustice, announced that the Government had undertaken to pass a Bill for Ireland next year.

The National Association of Midwives.

The National Association of Midwives, which has its headquarters at 9, Albert Square, Manchester, held a most successful meeting in the Temperance Hall, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Wednesday, 26th October. There was a crowded attendance, and at the close a large number joined.

Mrs. Lawson, the President of the Association, addressed the meeting on the new Midwifery Bill, and pointed out the need of the midwife to be up and doing. She also dealt with the objectionable Clause (17) from the midwives' point of view, and clearly illustrated how the said clause will militate against the employment of the midwife.

Mrs. Eddie (a member of the Executive) also spoke, and pointed out various other objectionable features of the Bill, Clause 7 being one; and although there are embodied in the Bill some recommendations which the National Association forwarded to the Departmental Committee, yet they are not made compulsory. Therefore the evil in the Bill far outweighs the good. Various other business was discussed, and at the close it was resolved to hold another meeting at an early date.

The Ashton and District Branch of the above Association held a tea party and social gathering in the Masonic Hall, Church Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Tuesday, October 25th. There was a good attendance, over 90 sitting down to tea. But the feature of the evening was the zest with which the members of this branch entered into the dancing, showing that those in this district know how to enjoy themselves when off duty. Songs were rendered by Nurses Lawton, Bromley, Christian, Britner, Powell, and Mrs. Hickey. A lively sketch in the Lancashire dialect, entitled the Lancashire Lassies, was given by the Misses Chorlton, Clark, Goddard, and Hilton. The President of the Association spoke a few words of congratulation, and hoped the Branch would go on growing as it has done this last year, and that we might have many an enjoyable evening together. After a most successful and enjoyable evening the members dispersed with the audible wish that we should have another as happy before long.

The Social Committee were Mrs. Britner, Mrs. Nuttall, and Mrs. Dunkerley.

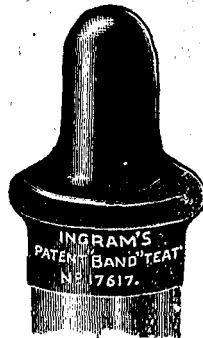
E. GILROY, Secretary.

The Baby's Bottle.

THE AGRIPPA TEAT AND VALVE.

When a baby has for any reason to be put upon the bottle every nurse and midwife knows that its perils are greatly increased thereby. First, because no food can ever take the place of the child's natural birthright, secondly because of the difficulty of obtaining a milk supply the purity of which is beyond question, and thirdly, because of the danger arising from the use of unsuitable bottles, and of malformation of the mouth from the infant's efforts to secure sufficient nutriment through an unsuitable teat, and also because most rubber teats will not bear boiling, and therefore sterilisation cannot be assured with certainty, however scrupulous the nurse may be. Further, the effect of strong suction on the part of the infant, combined with the slackness resulting from the constant removal and replacement of the nipple, may be that the teat is detached from the bottle when the contents may be spilled over the infant.

All these points have been appreciated by Messrs. J. G. Ingram and Sons, the London Indiarubber Works, Hackney Wick, N.E., who have directed their attention to devising a Band Teat and Valve,



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known as "Ingram's 'Agrippa' Band Teat and Valve," which shall be absolutely secure fittings, and which can be applied to any make of feeding bottle; pains have moreover been taken to ensure that the teat, so far as feeding facilities are concerned, shall approximate as closely to nature as possible.

The points to be noted about the 'Agrippa' are that it has a deep rubber band which fits round the top of the feeding bottle, which is fitted with a casing subjected to a new process which makes it extremely tough and rigid, and which grips securely. At the base of the teat is a flat cushion of rubber which comes close up to the mouth of the baby like the natural breast. The teat can be repeatedly boiled without injury. Special attention has also been paid to the mechanism of the valve, so that it may regulate the flow of food to perfection.

For these reasons nurses and mothers requiring a feeding bottle should make a point of trying one which is fitted with the "Agrippa" Band Teat and Valve.

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