

The Midwife.

PRESENTATION TO MRS. MODEL.

At the opening last week of the new Nurses' Home and Maternity Wards in Underwood Street, E., Mrs. H. L. Bischoffsheim, in declaring the institution open, paid a high tribute to the work of Mrs. L. Model, the Hon. Secretary, to whose genius, spirit and perseverance the erection of the Home was due.

Sir Marcus Samuel said he had been asked to make a presentation to Mrs. Model on behalf of the nurses, who had subscribed to a portrait by Mr. Solomon J. Solomons. Owing to his unfortunate illness the picture was not completed, but Mrs. Model would no doubt consider the presentation as made. It represented in some small measure the devotion felt by the nurses to one who had brought the Home to the perfection perceptible around them. He was sure he was expressing the feelings of the President and the whole Committee when he said how heartily they associated themselves with the nurses in hoping that Mrs. Model might live for many years to enjoy the pleasure the presentation would give her, and to continue, on behalf of the suffering poor, the noble work she had so long performed.

Mrs. Model, who was very cordially received, in returning thanks, paid a tribute to the skill and zealous work, and to the loving devotion of the nurses and helps.

WEST SOMERSET MIDWIVES' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the West Somerset Midwives' Association was held recently at 16, Elm Grove, Taunton, by kind invitation of Miss Du Sautoy. Dr. Meredith, the President, was unable to attend, being abroad at the time, but the Vice-President, the Hon. Mrs. Stanley, was present, with Miss Eden, Miss Du Sautoy, Miss Dyer, Mrs. Goode, and a great number of members who had come from all parts of West Somerset. The report for the year was passed, also the balance sheet, which showed a balance of 8s. 6d. on the year's working.

The number of members on the roll was 61. Miss Dyer, of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, gave a very instructive address, dwelling particularly on the necessity for midwives to unite and stand firmly together at this critical period of their history.

Tea was provided by Miss Du Sautoy, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the members able to be present.

RUMMAGE SALE FOR ROOF GARDEN.

The Rummage Sale in aid of the Roof Garden at the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, was held on Tuesday, September 26th, at Breamham Vicarage, in Essex. This is the home of Nurse Yonge, who was trained at the Hospital; she organised the whole affair, and did it thoroughly well. The goods, including a bedstead, old trunks, and some water-colour sketches, were tastefully arranged on trestle tables round the lawn; each table was a special department. Just before three o'clock, there was considerable agitation outside the gates; the helpers were ready for a



NURSES MAKING ROOF GARDEN.

rush; then in came the villagers, over 100 strong; and some of the stalls were cleared within a quarter of an hour. One of the hospital Sisters was in charge of the blouses: these were extremely popular. The hats, all more or less dilapidated, hung fire a little, and some of the best garments did not sell.

The Sale realised over £10. Warm thanks are due to all those who sent parcels, and to Nurse Yonge, to whom the success of the Sale is due.

The Matron is starting a Roof Garden with half of the proceeds: there is a wonderful flat roof at the hospital, with a grand view over London. In the summer it is much used, both by nurses and patients: it will be still more appreciated when gay with flowers.

The balance is to buy new soil, make a rockery, and generally beautify the garden that now is. The little snap-shot shows some of the staff at work in it.

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