

The Midwife.

MIDWIVES OF NOTE.

MRS. MARGARET LAWSON.

President of the National Association of Midwives.

It is with much pleasure that we present to our readers a portrait of Mrs. Lawson, President of the National Association of Midwives, for which we are indebted to the courtesy of the Editor of *The Midwives' Record*. To many of our readers Mrs. Lawson needs no introduction, as not only in the provinces, but in London also, she is a frequent speaker at public meetings, where her courageous voice is always uplifted in the best interests of midwives, whose right to self-government, professional organization, direct representation on the Central Midwives' Board, and representation on local authorities is constantly advocated by her. Quite recently, owing largely to her energy and initiative, a deputation from the National Association was received at the House of Commons by the Attorney-General, as the representative of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and presented the amendments which it desired to the National Insurance Bill.

To Mrs. Lawson belongs the distinction of being the first working midwife to sit on a public body in the North. She is a Guardian for West Manchester, and must be a valuable member of the Board, for she is never moved by expediency, but fearlessly advocates what she believes to be right. Her excellent and successful defence of midwives before the Central Midwives' Board, on more than one occasion, will not soon be forgotten by those who heard it. The National Association of Midwives and the Union of Midwives, of which Mrs. Robinson is President, have now decided to affiliate. As the aims of these societies are practically the same this should promote the interests of both.



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President, National Association of Midwives.

SCHOOLS OF MIDWIFERY.

THE MYDDLETON SQUARE MATERNITY NURSING ASSOCIATION.

The Maternity Nursing Association, 63, Myddleton Square, E.C., is an instance of an institution which, from very small beginnings, has steadily enlarged its borders, until at the present time it has found a suitable and convenient habitat in a quiet square within a stone's throw of a teeming population, and renders good service in twelve poor parishes, including the Holy Redeemer, St. John's, St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Luke's, Old Street, St. Mary, Islington, St. Paul, Bunhill Row, and others.

The Council of the Association consists of ladies, including Miss Amy Hughes and Miss Greenstreet, the Hon. Secretary being Mrs. Mather, and the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Blunt.

Early in the present year the Home had the misfortune to lose, by death, its devoted Lady Superintendent, Miss Daunev, after only a few days' illness. She is succeeded by Miss M. L. Muriel, who brings

to the Association a wide professional experience, gained both at home and abroad, and that personal faith in the value of the work done, and keenness in advancing it which is an invaluable factor in promoting success.

Any one visiting the Home for the first time will have no difficulty in finding it, for its dainty and spotless window blinds, and general appearance of shining cleanliness mark it out as one's destination.

The second house which forms the Home has only recently been added, and affords much needed accommodation, for, owing to the growing work, and increase of pupils, the one house proved insufficient for its needs.

A local branch has also been established for Clapton, Hackney, and Homerton; a lady

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