

New Hospital for Women.—F. L. Blakiston.

St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.—M. E. Dickinson, E. Dixon, S. L. Leach, V. Y. Pearce, A. Smith, M. E. Wood.

Belfast Union Maternity Hospital.—A. A. Esler.

Stoke-on-Trent Union Hospital.—B. Hennessy, J. E. Staton.

Kingswood Nursing Home.—A. M. L. Jefferis, M. L. Lee, F. Passingham.

Rochlade Union Workhouse.—A. A. Woodley.

Salvation Army Mothers' Home.—H. J. Axhorn.

THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Midwives Act Committee reported to the London County Council on Tuesday that from time to time notices of having summoned medical aid had been received from certified midwives practising within the county who had not advised the Council, as the local supervising authority, of their intention to practise. The course hitherto followed in such cases had been to communicate with the midwife and point out to her that Section 10 of the Act provided that any woman who omitted to give the necessary notice was liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £5. Cases of this kind, however, continued to occur and it appeared desirable that some further steps should be taken to secure that in all cases the necessary notice was given of intention to practise. The Committee was considering as to instituting legal proceedings against offenders should further cases arise. Certain of the cases were those of women who only practised during the absence on holidays of other midwives, and the Committee had arranged, therefore, for the attention of each midwife known to be practising in London to be called to necessity of bringing to the notice of any midwife who might undertake to act for her for a limited period, the fact that the Council must be duly advised of intention to practise within the county.

A DESERVING CHARITY.

Princess Christian, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and the Grand Duke Michael were present recently at a concert at the Mansion House in aid of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, City Road, of which the Queen is patron. About £300 was raised towards clearing off a debt of £5,000 for the rebuilding of the hospital, which has a large practice, both indoor and outdoor, among a very poor class of the community.

A French medical journal says that the effect of the child sucking the breast is the best stimulant to increase the flow of milk. Some children have a congenital intolerance for breast milk and cannot assimilate it. Cabbage eaten by the mother may occasion diarrhoea in the child. Abuse of chocolate may also injure the baby.

ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTING THE TRAINING AND SUPPLY OF MIDWIVES.

Sir Francis Champneys, Bart., M.D., presided at the Annual Gathering of Midwives, trained by the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives, at which Princess Christian was present, held by invitation of Lady Emmott, at 30, Ennismore Gardens, S.W., on Thursday, July 2nd.

Amongst those present were the Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Sir George Fordham, J.P., Miss Rosalind Paget, Miss Lorent Grant, and others.

In his opening remarks the Chairman said the training of midwives was in a transitional condition, and the midwives themselves were wishing it extended. There were fewer candidates, as the difficulty of the work, and the smallness of the pay was increasingly realized, but the quality of the pupils was better. The Insurance Act has upset the profession altogether, but eventually he hoped it would right itself.

Mrs. Charles Ebdon then gave a short address of welcome, referring to the words inscribed on the Association's badge—mercy, pity, truth, and love, after which the Princess presented the Association's Badge to the midwives present who had earned it, and it was subsequently forwarded to eight midwives who were unable to attend to receive it personally. The following is the complete list announced by Miss Lucy Robinson:—

Midwives A. Allen (Wednesfield), B. Bayley (Oxfordshire Nursing Federation), Sarah Beesley (King's Lynn), Ellen Billington (Chesterton, Staffs.), Sarah Byron (Birkenhead), Lilian Coppard (Stroud Nursing Association), Ellen Curtis (Yeading, Middlesex), Ellen Gardner (Williton Infirmary, Somersetshire), Elizabeth Gemmell (Gloucestershire County Nursing Association), Elizabeth Hall (Sussex County Nursing Association), Matilda Lawton (Long Buckby, Northamptonshire), Matilda Midgley (Bristol), Ethel Noke (Broughton Nursing Association), Marie Ogier (Forest Gate, E.), Jane Robinson (Armfield Plain, near Newcastle-on-Tyne), Fanny Smith (Devonshire County Nursing Association), Fanny Weathers (Sussex County Nursing Association).

Three Certificates were also awarded.

A vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness was moved by Mr. F. E. Fremantle, Medical Officer of Health for Hertfordshire, seconded by Lady Emmott, and carried by acclamation.

The Princess then left, and the chair was taken by Miss Paget; the midwives present were invited to ask questions, and availed themselves readily of the invitation. The fees charged, the notification of Ophthalmia Neonatorum, and the length of suspension after contact with an infectious case were discussed. It seems certain that the effect of the National Insurance Act has been to raise the scale of payment of midwives, as most reported that they were receiving fifteen shillings per case.

Tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting. Those midwives who were able to stay in town till the following day availed themselves of the

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