

invitation to meet Miss Buchanan at the Royal College of Surgeons on the following morning and study some of the interesting specimens there.

SALTASH BABY SHOW.

Alexandra Rose-day at Saltash dawned dull and unsettled; the afternoon turned out gloriously fine. The great feature of the day's proceedings was "The Baby Show," which attracted between seventy and eighty entries from all classes of the community.

The important task of judging, carried out on the previous day, proved a social event—as it attracted a large attendance of mothers and other interested persons who were hospitably entertained to tea by the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Lang), who kindly placed their residence "Riverbank," at the disposal of the judges.

The judging was thoroughly and carefully carried out by Miss Tait McKay (Supt. C.C.N.A.), assisted by Miss Epps (Inspector Q.V.J.I., South-Western Division); Nurses Sheen and Stevens also giving valuable assistance by weighing and measuring the competitors.

The Prizes were presented by the Mayoress—the ceremony taking place in the Recreation Field, on the band stand, the Mayor presiding. The winning infants, ranging in age from one month to two years, were handed up to receive their prizes; some slept peacefully amid the excitement, some laughed, some howled so loudly that they "had to be restored" with all possible speed to their mothers.

Quite three-quarters of the babies judged got the maximum number of marks; the rest came very close. Special prizes were awarded to the youngest baby (Leslie Keith), twelve days' old. Eileen L. Parkes (champion girl), and Percival Clayton Marsden Kingston (champion boy). Four prizes were given in each class (of which there were six), according to age. The judge, in the course of her remarks, congratulated Saltash on its "Bonny Babies," stating the success of the show was largely due to its excellent organization, carried out by a committee of ladies. The amount taken during the day was about £56.

SCOTTISH MIDWIVES' BILL.

The *British Medical Journal* reports that the Council of the British Medical Association has considered the provisions of the two Scottish Midwives Bills introduced in the House of Commons and House of Lords respectively, and approved the action taken by the Scottish Committee in recommending the Scottish Divisions to approach their Members of Parliament, urging them to support the Lords' Bill, which Bill gives to the Scottish Committee the appointment of representatives of the profession upon the Central Midwives Board proposed to be set up in Scotland.

AN UNAUTHORISED ADVERTISEMENT.

The Hon. Secretary of the Leeds Maternity Hospital gives public notice through the press that it has been brought to the notice of the board of management of the Hospital that an advertisement for the adoption of a baby born in the hospital has appeared in the press with the address of the Hospital given for applications. The board wish it to be known that no adoption of babies is permitted from the Hospital under any circumstances whatever, and the issue of this advertisement is a direct infringement of the rules.

A BABY HOSPITAL FOR MANCHESTER.

Manchester is taking a step in the right direction by supporting a movement promoted by women doctors for the establishment of a hospital for babies. The only Infants' Hospital in the country at present—apart from Children's Hospitals, which are not the same thing—is the one in Vincent Square, London, which is doing such admirable work.

For some time the need of such an institution for Manchester, devoted entirely to the care of young babies who do not thrive in their homes, has been recognised, and it has now been decided to open a small hospital in Clarendon Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, for babies suffering from gastro-intestinal disorders or defects of nutrition; and it is further proposed to begin work early in August in order to meet the special need for treatment during the summer months.

In connection with this new scheme a preliminary appeal for funds has been issued. It is expected that the expenses for the first year will amount to £800. Miss Margaret Ashton has given £300 with the proviso that the expenses for opening on August 1st are secured; this, there is every reason to hope, will be achieved.

A WELCOME CHEQUE.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham recently met the members of the Birmingham and District Sunday Evening Concerts Committee, and received from them a cheque for £500, £450 of which is to be devoted to the Hospital for Women, Sparkhill, and £50 to the Taylor Memorial Home.

In accepting the cheque, the Lord Mayor said that a debt of gratitude was due to those who went to so much trouble to make arrangements for the concerts which had had such an excellent result. He thought there was no hospital in Birmingham which needed assistance more than the Women's Hospital. The hospital did a great work, and could do considerably more if only they had the funds. He hoped the handsome contribution he had received would afford the help to do something further in that direction.

We recently described in this Journal the open-air ward at the Women's Hospital for the reception of puerperal cases.

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