

proposal to transfer the hospital to Woolwich has no signification in regard to patients or students. The scheme has now been settled, and the Charity Commissioners state that in order to meet the point raised by the Council, they have modified the scheme by adopting the exact wording of the original declaration of trust. This alteration is the substitution of the word "Metropolis" for the words "Metropolitan Borough of Woolwich" in clause 5 of the scheme, which now provides that the objects of the charity shall be the establishment and maintenance in the metropolis of a maternity hospital and school for the higher training of midwives.

#### LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE MIDWIVES' ASSOCIATION.

The first Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at the G.F.S. Rooms, 5, St. Martin's East, Leicester, on Wednesday, March 10th.

Dr. Bond was in the chair. Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Russell Frear, Mrs. Sanders, with other visitors, and a large number of midwives from the town and county were present.

Letters of regret at being prevented from attending were received from the Mayoress, Dr. Gertrude Austin, Mrs. Bigg, Lady Beaumont, Dr. Killick Millard, Dr. Montague Williams, Dr. Lewis Lilly, and others.

The President spoke of the pleasure it was to the Committee to welcome that gathering. They deeply regretted the absence of Mrs. Bigg (through family illness), who had done so much for the Association.

The President feelingly referred to the death last month of Mrs. Brant, whose beautiful personality and keenness in her work endeared her to all.

Dr. Robinson moved the adoption of the report, and spoke of the inspection of Midwives.

The Lady Mary Glyn said that she felt that afternoon exactly as some men did of whom she had read in the morning. The men on leaving the trenches wished to cheer, on being asked why, replied "they did not know, but they must cheer." She wanted to cheer, for great was the advance made in the position and work of midwives since more than twenty years ago, when she began to help to get the midwives' profession legalised. Lady Mary spoke with appreciation of the immense work done in that cause by Mrs. Wallace Bruce.

Dr. Skipworth, in proposing a vote of thanks to the chairman, speaker and Mrs. Sanders, gave some interesting details of the work in country districts.

The Hon. Officers for the ensuing year are:—*President*, Miss Pell Smith; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. Gertrude Austin, Miss Grey, and Miss Bacon; *Hon. Treasurer*, Mrs. Bigg; *Hon. Secretary*, Miss Howe.

At the York Maternity Hospital free maternity benefits are granted to wives of sailors and soldiers on active service, and to Belgian refugees.

#### BABY CONSULTATIONS.

A subject which is engaging the attention of the directors and Medical Board of the Edinburgh Royal Maternity Hospital is the establishment of "baby consultations" in the hospital. Some two thousand confinements a year are attended in connection with the institution, and several hundreds more are dealt with through the five dispensaries which work in association with it, and it is therefore very appropriate that the hospital should be the centre of the work of this kind among young infants which have been brought into the world under its care for some months, or perhaps a year, after birth.

#### THE ABERDEEN MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

A very satisfactory report was presented at the recent annual meeting of the Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, and Lord Provost Taggart, who presided, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the directors on the excellent work that had been done in the institution during the year. The number of cases treated was 203, an increase of 18, and in the homes of the patients in connection with the outdoor department, 95 cases were treated, a decrease of 15. The institution was a great boon to poor people, and was also of great benefit in the training of nurses and students. The directors took over the hospital in 1912 with a debt of £3,743, but he was glad that that amount had been reduced to £1,872, the sum of £1,870 having been cleared off, which was very gratifying.

Important negotiations are still proceeding concerning the relation of the Hospital to the National Insurance Act, and a conference is being arranged between the Scottish Insurance Commissioners and the Maternity Hospitals. The falling off in the number of district cases is attributed to the effect of the Insurance Act, some of the outside patients being under the impression that if they are attended at their homes by the hospital staff they will lose some part of their money benefit.

#### MATERNITY CENTRES.

At a meeting of the Board of Management of the King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, a letter was read from the Town Clerk relative to the action of the Health Committee in regard to the establishment of maternity centres in the city. The Committee suggested the appointment of representatives to attend a Conference on the matter.

Colonel Bruce Vaughan said if they were to have a great medical school they must have a maternity ward. They ought to have a very large maternity home in Cardiff. They were about the only town of the size, he thought, which had not a maternity home.

It was decided to send representatives to the Conference.

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