

# The Midwife.

## THE EAST END MOTHERS' LYING-IN HOME.

The annual meeting of this wonderful institution took place on Wednesday, May 17th, and, like everything else connected with the Home, was a great success.

Dr. Owen Lankester was in the chair, and the speakers were Mrs. Hudson Lyall, Father Bernard Vaughan, and the Very Rev. Dean Ring.

As usual, the wards were delightful, the bright sunshine showing them up to the very best advantage. There were mothers and babies in plenty, cheerful, happy mothers and the babies looking sweet in the little white swing cots. One mother proudly showed her tenth baby. "Every one of 'em born in the 'Ome," and if "every one of 'em" is as beautiful and well cared for as number ten, it is no wonder that she was proud.

Miss Anderson has another good record for the year. Out of more than

1,700 women delivered, only one died, and that death was from causes other than maternal.

Mrs. Hudson Lyall gave some interesting and instructive, if rather terrible, statistics. She strongly urged the support of the Home and kindred institutions where mothers are taught what motherhood really means, and where the babies are given a fair start in life. The mothers of to-day must be made to realise that they have a duty not only to themselves and their own children, but to the nation, for the numbers of babies who die in a week are greater than those of the men being killed in battle.

Dean Ring was unstinting in his praise of Miss Anderson and her splendid work amongst the poor women of East London. He spoke of the

tremendous power for good the Home exercised upon mothers. Not only those of the neighbourhood, but mothers all over the world, for the nurses are trained not only to become skilful midwives and competent nurses, but to be ministering angels in the very truest sense of the word to their time of need.

Father Bernard Vaughan spoke forcibly of the declining birth rate and pointed out the duty of

parents if they wish England to remain the England she has been and is.

With a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Hudson Lyall, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Dr. Corner, the business part of the meeting ended. A dainty tea brought a most successful annual meeting of a most successful institution to a close.



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*The Outlook* for May 10th publishes the illustration which we here reproduce of a method of bathing the baby by spraying it with warm water. It is the method used in the new home of

the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital, and the principal practical point to be observed in connection with it is that by using the spray the danger of infection involved in the use of the bath tub for many children is avoided. This danger is one which is not always appreciated but nevertheless it should be borne in mind whenever the same bath is used for many children. It must be remembered that congenital syphilis does not at once manifest itself, yet, after a bath has been used for infants so infected, more than ordinary cleaning is necessary to make it safe.

At the Glasgow Lock Hospital, it is a routine practice to boil the rubber plug at the bottom of the bath, which is most likely to be contaminated by gonorrhoeal discharge from the child.

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