

The Midwife.

NORTH ISLINGTON MATERNITY CENTRE AND SCHOOL FOR MOTHERS.

This centre at 8 and 9, Manor Park Gardens, Holloway, N., has been established for over three years, and its success may be estimated from the fact that it started with nine mothers and babies and at the present time there are more than nine hundred on the books. Last week marked a new era in its history when a small ward for infant in-patients, started by a Committee of American ladies, was opened. A very charming little ward it is. It contains only five cots and this number is to be the maximum. It is hoped

and notes they receive. Lately, owing to whooping cough, a mother and baby were compelled to be absent. The father wrote to explain this and headed his letter, "re your baby 221a."

There is an ante-natal side of this work, and it of course requires extraordinary tact and sympathy successfully to develop it.

There are nine infant clinics held weekly, and the medical staff is composed wholly of women. Another important feature is the needlework instruction. The women bring their own new or old material and are taught by skilled teachers to fashion the particular garment that they require. Mrs. W. B. Keen, the founder of the



Probationer Sister. Mrs. Turner, wife of the Bishop of Islington, Chairman of Centre. Miss Brownsdon, superintendent. Mrs. W. B. Keen, Hon. Treasurer. Mrs. Walter Burns, Chairman Infant Welfare Committee, A.W.C. Mrs. Loughlin, Wife of Secretary American Embassy. Viscountess Harcourt. Mrs. Curtis Brown, Chairman American Women's Club.

OPENING OF WARD FOR INFANTS, ISLINGTON MATERNITY CENTRE.

by providing ample air space to obviate the usual difficulty of satisfactorily nursing young infants together. Our illustration shows a group in the ward which was opened by Mrs. Page, the wife of the American Ambassador.

There is a staff of seven nurses under the fully-trained and experienced superintendent, Miss Brownsdon, who holds the certificate of the Lewisham Infirmary, and is a certified midwife. She also holds the certificate of a Health Visitor, and has been the head of an L.C.C. School Treatment Centre. It is largely owing to her personality that the success of the Centre is due. We understand that the Mothers are extraordinarily attached to the ladies belonging to this school, and this is often touchingly expressed in the letters

Centre, is deeply interested in the work, to which she devotes a very great deal of time and energy. The whole house bears the stamp of efficiency, and better still the atmosphere of love and devotion to its object, than which there can be no greater, or more worthy, or more attractive.

NATIONAL BABY WEEK.

A meeting to discuss the above scheme was held on Friday, March 7th, at the Armitage Hall, Great Portland Street, W., presided over by Sir Robert Morant, and supported by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Dr. Eric Pritchard, Dr. Murray Leslie, Mrs. Gomm, Mrs. H. B. Irving,

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