

### MATERNITY NURSES' GUIDE.

The issue of a third edition of that concise little volume "The Maternity Nurse's Daily Guide," or Pocket Book of Reference, by Miss Gertrude C. Marks, is proof of its popularity amongst maternity nurses. The publishers are Messrs. Baillière, Tindall & Cox, 8, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W.C., and the price 2s. net.

The arrangement of the Guide in short paragraphs, under headings in bold type, makes for clearness, and the nurse should have little difficulty in finding any paragraph to which she desires to refer. There is a great deal of information contained between the covers of this small volume.

Perhaps a few suggestions may be permitted.

On page 28, under "The Management of the Second Stage," the author very properly says, "On no account must traction on the head be made, for it is very apt to give rise to rupture of the perineum." Other and worse complications might easily happen also.

We doubt the wisdom of advising a maternity nurse to peel away an adherent placenta, as her knowledge does not qualify her for this manipulation.

In connection with the administration of an intra-uterine douche, after any internal manipulation of the uterus, the author notes the danger of introducing septic matter, and of infecting the uterine walls.

In a future edition it would be well to note that the level of the douche can should be kept low, or the solution injected may be forced through the Fallopian tubes into the abdominal cavity and set up peritonitis, also that the tip of uterine tube (which should be grooved to assist the return of the fluid injected) should only be introduced just inside the uterus, in order to avoid the possibility of perforating the uterine wall.

We commend the book to the notice of our readers. It is a carefully compiled *multum in parvo*.

### REGISTERED LYING-IN HOMES.

The Public Health Committee of the London County Council have granted applications for registration under Part IV of the London County Council (General Powers) Act, 1915, of the lying-in homes in respect of the undermentioned premises:—(i.) Misses Elizabeth and Constance Rebecca Winstanley, 17, Beaumont Street, W.; (ii.) The Trevanion Nursing Co-operative Society, 87, Upper Richmond Road, Putney; (iii.) Miss Alice Maud Sarah Linstead, 187, Grove Lane, Camberwell; (iv.) Miss Amy Todd, 45, Belsize Park, Hampstead; (v.) Miss Rhoda Maddison, 3, Broadhurst Gardens, Hampstead; (vi.) Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, 60, Manville Road, S.W.; (vii.) Mrs. Susan Maria Lengerke, 100, Earl's Court Road, W.; (viii.) Misses Edith and Kate Richards, 3, Ritherdon Road, Balham, S.W.; (ix.) Mrs. Fanny Jane Manning, 74, Wiltshire Road, Lambeth; (x.) Miss Amy Winifred Murray, 147, Mellison Road, Tooting.

### FOOD FOR MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

Lord Rhondda, as Food Controller, has issued an Order under the Defence of the Realm Act, providing that "Any local authority, within the meaning of the Notification of Births Act, 1907, may, and when required by the Local Government Board, shall arrange for the supply of food and milk for expectant mothers and nursing mothers, and of milk for children under five years of age, subject to such conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Food Controller." The Order is applicable to England and Wales.

### A PARCEL TEA.

The Parcel Tea in aid of the Loughboro' Junction Infant Welfare Centre, in which Sisters Olive and French are interested, realised £21. This excellent result was largely due to the energetic hostess, Mrs. Robins. The Nurses had a bran tub, and the many articles for babies, sent by midwives and others, will come in to sell at cost price at the Centre. A house has been taken at 39, Loughboro' Park, S.W., and it is hoped to open in April. A good grant has been received from the Duchess of Marlborough's Children's Jewel Fund.

### A MATTER OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

The Incorporated Midwives Institute has addressed a letter to the Chairmen of the County Councils of England, appealing to them to maintain the attitude they have hitherto taken up of discountenancing the delegation of powers under the Midwives Act to smaller authorities within their County, notwithstanding the efforts that are being made in some counties to persuade the County Councils to delegate their powers to Urban and Rural District Councils. The letter urges that the matter is vitally important to the continued existence of the practising midwife, and that it is of the utmost importance that the inspection of midwives should be removed as far as possible from local politics, influence, and prejudice. The more removed from these the more efficient will be the inspection of midwives and the better their chance of just treatment. The letter concludes:—

"The importance to the community of the self-respecting, competent and intelligent midwife is self-evident. The demand for this type of midwife is very great, but the supply is inadequate and is becoming more so, owing to the attractions of the less harassing and more lucrative posts now open to her in the various forms of Public Health and Welfare Work.

"We, therefore, ask you to do nothing which would deter the better educated midwife from practising. The delegation of powers under the Midwives Act would certainly do this."

We are in cordial agreement with the point of view expressed.

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