

history related, all being cases of accidental hæmorrhage where definite toxæmic conditions were also found to be present.

The Matron and Sister most kindly provided tea when the clinic was over.

Later, at the Midwives' Institute, Mr. Berkeley spoke on "How to teach pupils to apply theory to practice," and remarked that the cleverest are not always the most successful teachers; the less clever people are more likely to appreciate the difficulties of others by remembering their own.

Dr. Russell Andrewes followed, taking as his subject "The Education of Pupils in Expressing their Knowledge."

The national need for Practising Midwives was discussed by Miss Amy Hughes in connection with Urban areas, and by Miss Burnside, Inspector of Midwives for Hertfordshire in relation to Rural areas.

### QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL.

The Ladies' Association of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W., held its annual meeting on June 6th. H.R.H. Princess Arthur of Connaught (Patron) attended, accompanied by her Lady-in-Waiting.

Lady Portman, in presiding, expressed the gratification of the members that the Princess had honoured the meeting with her presence; and gave a brief account of the affairs of the Association, which indicated a very satisfactory amount of work accomplished during the past year.

We were glad to learn that the members, when visiting the mothers in the Hospital, strongly recommended them to take their babies to the Infant Welfare Centres for advice.

"When mothers leave," said Lady Makins, the next speaker, "the lady almoner gives the mother the address of the nearest Welfare Centre." Many avail themselves of this opportunity of receiving for their babes early post-natal care.

The report and accounts for the past year were presented and adopted.

The President (Lady Portman), the Hon. Treasurer, and other officials for the ensuing year were re-elected; also the Executive Committee.

"The Committee are glad to report the receipt of a large number of very welcome gifts of vegetables and fruit from members, and they appeal to other members to help in this way. The Hospital has continued to assist a great many of the wives of our soldiers and sailors, including those of the Colonial Forces, as well as a number of Belgian and other refugees. The number received into the Hospital or attended in their homes since the outbreak of war exceeds 5,000 . . . they are not required to obtain the usual subscriber's letter of recommendation, but are admitted on the recommendation of the War Pensions Committee. . . . The Executive Committee earnestly appeal for increased support to

the Association, in order that they may be able to help the Hospital to meet the greatly increased expenditure caused by the war."

The Hon. H. B. Portman proposed a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness, which was cordially seconded and carried with acclamation.

The Princess and other visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the wards, which is always a pleasure to baby lovers. The pretty blue bed-jackets worn by the mothers gave a note of colour and cheerfulness to the charming, well-ventilated wards. The *pièce de résistance* was an elaborate cradle in the centre of one of the wards, trimmed with blue ribbons, in which reposed little twin girls.

### LONDON BABY WEEK EXHIBITION PLANS.

Dr. Truby King, C.M.G., has undertaken the Section dealing with "Infant Physiology and Comparison with Baby Plants and Animals," at the Educational Exhibition organized by the N.U.W.W. Child Welfare Exhibitions Committee on behalf of the National Baby Week Council from July 1st to 6th. Mrs. H. B. Irving and the St. Pancras School for Mothers are exhibiting a model Infant Welfare Centre relative to the care of the infant from one month to one year. Dr. Eric Pritchard and the St. Marylebone Health Society are giving instructions as to the feeding of infants up to twelve months old. The Midwives' Institute has undertaken a Section dealing with "The Expectant Mother, the Needs of the Confinement and the Care of Mother and Baby during the first few Weeks, including an Ante-natal Clinic." The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres will demonstrate "Mothercraft as taught at Infant Welfare Centres and Elementary Schools and to Infant Welfare Workers." Plans and model equipments for a maternity hostel, a ward for ailing babies, and a day nursery will be shown; while Dr. Cameron, of Guy's Hospital, and others, will help with the Section which concerns "Diseases of Infancy."

### A CLUB AND HOSTEL FOR MIDWIVES.

A Club and Hostel has been opened in connection with the Aberdeen Branch of the Scottish Midwives' Association at 15, North Street. Professor McKerron, who presided at the opening ceremony, referred to the arduous duties of maternity nurses, and said that any scheme which had for its object the improvement of the social environment of nurses was sure to receive the sympathetic support of the public, and Lady Adam Smith, who performed the opening ceremony, said that at this time of our national life, when there was such a terrible wastage of life, it was a matter of vital importance that the utmost care should be taken of infant life, and those who took the utmost care of it were the nurses and midwives for whom their sympathies were enlisted that afternoon.

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