

# The Midwife.

## HEALTH OF THE CITY OF LIVERPOOL.

The report on the Health of the City of Liverpool during 1918, issued from the Health Department by Dr. E. W. Hope, O.B.E., the Medical Officer of Health, is a model of what such a Report should be. The statistics and maps are exceedingly valuable for purposes of comparison. It is interesting to note that:—

During the year 1918, two hundred and ten midwives gave the required notice, under Section 10, of their intention to practise midwifery.

A total of 12,662 births was attended by these midwives, and 1,567 by the midwives on the Staff of the Ladies' Charity, making altogether 83.0 per cent. of the total number of births registered in the City. So far as can be ascertained there were no births attended during the year by uncertified women.

## A MATERNITY HOSPITAL FOR MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Major J. W. Beynon, of Castleton, has purchased Troedyrhiw Vawr, Newbridge, standing in its own grounds of three acres, with some adjoining property, with the object of presenting the Monmouthshire County Council and Nursing Association with a maternity hospital for the county. It is Major Beynon's intention to bring the premises right up to date with modern requirements and to build an operating theatre in addition.

The site of the hospital is commanding, and is splendidly situated.

No better gift could be given to the county than this handsome provision by Major Beynon. We learn that by the time the hospital and grounds are handed over to the authorities for use, the gift will mean the greater portion of £10,000.

## NOTES FOR MATERNITY NURSES.

It is a pleasure to receive once more the "Allenburys" Note Book for Maternity Nurses, with Recipes for the Sick Room, as owing to Government restrictions on the issue of printed matter during the war the distribution of these Note Books has been withheld. The Note Book contains a large amount of information useful to maternity nurses, as well as pages at the end for addresses, engagements, receipts and expenditure and memoranda.

The information given includes the signs of pregnancy, an obstetric table, the development of the fœtus according to the lunar months, the preparation of the lying-in room, the necessaries to be obtained, the requisites for the nurse, for the toilet of the infant, before labour, after labour, food, and the general care of both mother and

infant, details as to the registration of birth, notes on the comparison of Centigrade and Fahrenheit thermometers—a difficulty to so many nurses.

Under the headings "Food Preparations suitable for Infants and Young Children," and "Useful Recipes for the Sick Room," a large amount of valuable information is given. There are also notes of Messrs. Allen & Hanburys' special preparations and appliances, and a maternity nurse or midwife who carries with her these "Notes for Maternity Nurses" will find it a most valuable book of reference.

Messrs. Allen & Hanburys also publish a very handy "Maternity Nurse's Case Sheet," and will send a supply of these sheets, free of charge on application, to Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., Lombard Street, London, E.C.

## TO A CHILD WHO INQUIRES.

How did you come to me, my sweet?  
From the land that no one knows?  
Did Mr. Stork bring you here on his wings?  
Were you born in the heart of a rose?  
Did an Angel fly with you down from the sky?  
Were you found in the gooseberry patch?  
Did a fairy bring you from Fairyland  
To my door that was left on the latch?  
No. My darling was born of a wonderful love,  
A love that was daddy's and mine;  
A love that was human, but deep and profound,  
A love that was almost Divine.  
Do you remember, sweetheart, when we went to the  
Zoo  
And we saw that bear with a grouch?  
And the tigers and lions, and that tall kangaroo  
Who carried her babes in a pouch?  
Do you remember? I told you she kept them there  
safe  
From the cold and the wind, 'till they grew  
Big enough to take care of themselves? Well, dear  
heart,  
That's just how I first cared for you.  
I carried you under my heart, my sweet,  
And shielded you safe from alarms,  
Till one wonderful day Our Lady looked down,  
And my darling lay in my arms.

OLGA PETROVA.

## WORK OF THE MIDWIFE.

The patient often has an absurd and exaggerated idea of the knowledge of the midwife; this is valuable at times, e.g., they readily agree to have medical advice where there are the conditions, specified in the rules of the C.M.B. that oblige the midwife to urge its necessity. The midwife has to teach the mother common sense hygiene, the preparations necessary for herself and the baby, to put her in the way of acquiring knowledge of mothercraft, to visit the home and make tactful suggestions, to encourage the mother to seek her advice if anything goes wrong. At present this is not done by all midwives.

OLIVE HAYDON.

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