

## The Midwife.

### ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTING THE TRAINING AND SUPPLY OF MIDWIVES.

The Annual Gathering of Midwives of the above Association was held on July 16th, at 8, Kensington Palace Gardens, by kind invitation of Mrs. van den Bergh.

Mrs. Ebdon, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association, presided, and presented the badges. A letter was read from the Lady-in-Waiting expressing the regret of H.R.H. Princess Christian at her inability to be present.

Mrs. Ebdon made special reference to the work which had been done by the midwives of the Association, more particularly of those to whom the badge was to be presented that day. She asked them to keep before them throughout their lives, not only in their professional duties, but in every thought, word and action, the four words engraved on their badges. Love, Mercy, Pity, Truth. She felt that the opportunities that fell to them for doing good were greater than in any other sphere, and for exercising a wide influence, and she regarded them as a band of missionaries going forward with cheerfulness, love and pity, to encourage and help those with whom they come in contact. Mrs. Ebdon envied them their work in the unlimited opportunities for usefulness. The badges were presented to the following midwives:

#### RECIPIENTS OF BADGES.

Dorothy Austen, working under the Derbyshire Nursing Association; Mrs. Aylott, working independently at Pontardulais; Florence Bensted, working under an Association at Waltham Abbey; Mrs. Birch, working independently at Walsall; Caroline Dixon, working independently at Deptford; Annie Doughty, working independently at Hull; Mrs. Gelder, working under an Association at Charlbury; Mary Hill, working under an Association at Hambledon; Mrs. Kerrin, working independently at Bridgtown, Staff.; Mrs. Mortimer, working under an Association at Bicester; Winifred Smith, working under an Association at Pirbright; Mrs. Spencer, working independently at Padiham, Lanc.; Mrs. Todd, working independently at Ormskirk, Lanc.; Eleanor Vizard, working under an Association at Ilkeston; Mrs. Wedgwood, working independently at Kidsgrove.

After the presentation of the badges, Mrs. Luke Paget addressed the Midwives, and spoke most feelingly of their activities; one sees in the papers names of great ladies connected with Infant Welfare, and other branches of maternity work, while each midwife in her own corner, by river or mountain, in the slums of cities, in the loneliness of the remote villages, is doing the great work unnoticed. But they must remember that each one is striving

for the same object, and with the broad view before them there was no room for little jealousies. Mrs. Paget thanked them from the bottom of her heart in the name of countless mothers for the noble work they had set themselves to do.

At the end of Mrs. Paget's most instructive and encouraging speech, Mrs. Model moved a most cordial vote of thanks to her and to Mrs. van den Bergh. The address had been an inspiration, and she felt that those present were encouraged and helped more by the sympathy displayed in their work than they could have been in any other way. She thought that if each midwife kept to the watchwords of the badge they would go forward well equipped for the battle of life.

Mrs. van den Bergh replied with a most cordial welcome to all present, and the midwives then went into the garden where they were entertained with a most sumptuous tea.

### THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE CONGRESS.

Amongst the subjects to be considered at the Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute at Newcastle-on-Tyne is Hygiene of Maternity and Child Welfare, which will be discussed on the morning of Friday, August 1st. Another interesting event is the opening of the Maternity and Child Welfare Exhibition at Rutherford College on the opening day, July 28th.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

The Ministry of Health has issued a list of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres which is of much interest and importance.

The statement includes all the Municipal and Voluntary Maternity and Child Welfare Centres known to the Local Government Board on April 1st, 1919. It is pointed out that the inclusion of a centre in this list does not necessarily mean that it has been inspected or approved, or that it obtains a Government grant.

The Statement is in three parts (1) London, (2) County Boroughs, and (3) Counties. To enable a Centre to be readily found an index of the towns and villages containing centres is appended.

The number of centres included in this list comprise 196 situated in London, 372 in County Boroughs, and 960 in Counties, conducted in the Counties either by the County Councils, the Local Sanitary Authorities, or Voluntary Societies, and, in the other instances, by L.S.A.'s or Voluntary Societies.

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