

## THE QUEEN'S INTEREST IN INDIAN WOMEN.

The interest of the Queen in the Indian Empire, and especially in its women and children, is well-known. The latest evidence of this is that Her Majesty has notified Lady Chelmsford of her willingness to act as patroness of Lady Chelmsford's "All India League for Maternity and Child Welfare." The Queen's consent has given much gratification in India.

## SYLLABUS OF COURSE OF LECTURES ON THE TEACHING OF PHYSIOLOGY.

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The following course of lectures will be held at the Midwives' Institute, on Tuesdays in May, at 7 p.m. —

May 10th.—Dissection of a Rabbit. Skin connective tissue, a joint, the neck, the thorax, the abdomen, nutrition and excretion.

May 17th.—Blood and its Circulation. Aids in teaching these subjects, especially that of the microscope.

May 24th.—The growth and health of the foetus before parturition.

May 31st.—Simple experimental work that illustrates teaching on digestion.

Members of the Approved Teachers' Committee admitted free by ticket, to be had on application.

Members of the Institute engaged in teaching pupil midwives may obtain tickets for the course on payment of 6s. subscription, single ticket, 2s. Application should be made early, as the numbers are limited, to Miss M. OLIVE HAYDON, Hon. Sec., Teachers' Committee, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C. 2.

## LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE MIDWIVES' ASSOCIATION.

Some of the unostentatious activities of a society founded for the welfare of incipient child life in the city were revealed, says the *Leicester Mail*, at the annual meeting of the Leicester and Leicestershire Midwives' Association in their headquarters, St. Martin's, on March 16th. Dr. Crosby, who presided over a good attendance, congratulated Miss Pell-Smith (president of the Association) upon her return from southern shores, and her renewed health and spirits, and then called upon Dr. Millard to move the adoption of the report.

Dr. Millard said the seventh annual report was the record of a useful year's work, and after dealing with its different items seriatim, he extended a welcome to Dr. Alice McElwee, the new medical officer for maternity and child welfare. The

Association, he went on to state, is in a satisfactory and flourishing condition, the accounts showing a small balance at the bank.

The Mayoress (Mrs. G. Hilton) in seconding, spoke of the general appreciation of the work the Association is doing in the city, and referred to the big responsibility attaching to the midwife's duties. Miss Pell-Smith's heart and soul were in the Association, and it was to be hoped she would be able long to continue in the good work.

### LIBRARY FACILITIES.

In a breezy, able little speech, Miss Pell-Smith referred to her recent visit to head quarters in London and to the election of two practical representatives for the country on the Central Midwives' Board, Miss Disney being recommended as a candidate from the local branch.

Miss Bacon (superintendent of the Woolwich Hospital) urged the Leicester Association to take a keen interest in the appointment of a representative to look after their interests at the Central Midwives' Board, as she considered there was a danger of the midwives' duties and position being swamped by health visitors and other corporation officials. Miss Bacon gave a graphic account of the air raids at Woolwich during the war, the premature births caused by the terror, and the legacy of nerve-racked children who survived.

### DIFFICULT INVESTIGATIONS.

Dr. A. McElwee, in the course of a highly instructive and, at times, closely technical address, assured the meeting that midwives were in no danger of being "swamped" in Leicester, and went on to emphasize the importance of statistics, &c., in the case of "still births" and infantile mortality generally, the number of these cases amounting in the city to as many as 200 in a single year. She was struck by the variation of international opinion as to the cause of such mortality. Venereal disease was one of the most important factors, but doctors could not possibly carry out successful investigations unless they had the most intimate opportunities of studying the problems. She urged upon midwives the desirability of using their influence in obtaining permission from parents for the doctors to make the investigations as complete as possible. Practitioners would be most grateful for any help thus obtained.

### "MENTHOFAX."

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