

The Midwife.

GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL POST-GRADUATE WEEK.

In our issue of June 2nd we referred to the opening of Post-Graduate Week at the General Lying-in Hospital and to Dr. Richardson's inaugural lecture.

All through the week a very high standard of attendance was maintained at both clinics and lectures. Delightful visits were paid to the Salomon Centre and Children's Ward, Guy's Hospital, where the Post-Graduates were afterwards entertained to tea in the Nurses' Home; to Queen Charlotte's Hospital, where the usual kindly hospitality was received; and to the Express Model Dairy Farm, Finchley, where a most delightful time was spent in rural surroundings, seeing the cows milked and the cooling and bottling which immediately followed, with the resulting service of the famous "Grade A" milk. The wonderful efficiency of the cleaning and sterilizing machinery for the bottles and cans, and the sterilizing of all milk received from the other farms, filled one with admiration. A delightful tea was enjoyed in the little blue-and-white dairy—an added kindness very much appreciated. On Thursday, City Road Maternity Hospital kindly entertained some of the Post-Graduates at Dr. Owen's Clinic and to tea afterwards; while others spent an enjoyable afternoon at the School of Mothercraft, Trebovir Road. All the lectures were very much appreciated. Lady Barrett's lecture on diseases complicating pregnancy made one realise more than ever that the work of the doctor and midwife did indeed "dove-tail," and that there was no room for a petty jealousy, but for a whole-hearted co-operation on both sides for the benefit of the patient.

Dr. Fairbairn, as always, taught and inspired at the same time—opening up wonderful visions of life itself and deepening and renewing our reverent admiration of the processes which it is our privilege to assist at the completion.

Dr. Cameron fascinated us by his wonderful understanding of the nervous organisations of the tiny restless bundles, the nervous babies one so often comes across. He showed the extraordinary interaction of one nervous system (often the mother's) upon the miniature one of the baby's, and incidentally explained the strange compliance of the same baby to the raw probationer in Hospital.

A most excellent lantern lecture was given by Dr. Stanley White (of Parke, Davis Company's Scientific Staff), wherein many illuminating facts concerning the preparation and standardisation of

various serums, vaccines and glandular products were obtained.

Miss Randall (Sister-in-Charge of St. Thomas's Massage Department) gave an excellent lecture and demonstration of the uses of Massage and Physical Exercises in the Puerperium. It gave one "furiously to think" on the standard of efficiency of the twentieth century, which will not allow nature even to take a rest without assistance.

The last event of a crowded week was a very excellent lecture by Dr. Amy M. Davis at the Midwives' Institute, to which the Post-Graduates were very kindly invited by Miss Paget and the Council. The subject was "Venereal Disease: Its Effects on Mother and Child," and it was most clearly and comprehensively given in a way which could not fail to be of the greatest service to those who come across it and must deal with it for the safety of all concerned.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON PUERPERAL MORBIDITY.

The Scottish Board of Health have appointed a Departmental Committee to enquire into the incidence of Puerperal Morbidity and Mortality, with special reference to the causes contributing thereto, and to suggest any remedial measures. The Rt. Hon. Lord Salvesen is appointed Chairman, and it includes four medical practitioners and the following women members:—Mrs. Mary Barbour, a Member of Glasgow Town Council; Miss M. E. Cairns, Glasgow, Vice-President, Scottish Midwives' Association; Miss A. M. Fraser, Superintendent, Motherwell and District Nursing Association, Assistant Inspector of Midwives and Chief Health Visitor, Motherwell and Wishaw Burgh; with Mr. C. L. Farmer, Scottish Board of Health, as Secretary.

VIROL, LTD.

An excellent report was presented on Monday last at the Annual Meeting of Virol, Ltd., the Chairman, Mr. B. S. Straus, in moving the adoption of the report, saying that the sales for the period under review constituted a record in the history of the company, and that there was hardly a market in the world in which their sales had not shown a substantial increase over those of the previous year. This applies both to Virol and Virolax. The directors recommended the payment of a dividend of 20 per cent. on the ordinary shares, as against 17½ last year.

A resolution was passed granting a donation of 200 guineas to the National Baby Week Council.

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