

The Midwife.

MOTHER SAVING CAMPAIGN.

The facts in regard to maternal mortality presented to the public in connection with the appeal which started in May last have, it is believed, made a deep impression throughout the country. Until these facts were stressed few of the public had realised that the mortality among women in childbirth is still as high as it was twenty years ago. The Committee of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, in its Annual Report emphasise the fact that the lives of a considerable number of these mothers could be saved, and the health of many others preserved, if sufficient facilities existed for treating them at the proper time. The number of beds in Maternity Hospitals is altogether

picture, taken in the Ante-Natal Department. The interest of the class is manifest, and the instruction given must be of the greatest benefit to its members, as well as to their offspring who will, in consequence, be suitably and hygienically clothed.

Very noticeable also is the neat and trim appearance of the mothers, with well kept hair becomingly dressed.

Of the increasing appreciation of the Ante-Natal Department there is abundant evidence. In 1927 there were 5,575 patients examined in these departments, as compared with 4,999 in 1926, while the number of attendances was 14,149, as compared with 12,398. Of these attendances 12,153 were at the Hospital, and 1,996 at the District Home in Ladbroke Grove.



ANTE-NATAL PATIENTS OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL, LONDON, RECEIVING INSTRUCTION IN THE MAKING OF INFANTS' GARMENTS.

inadequate. If Queen Charlotte's Hospital is given the means to provide the additional beds for ante-natal and septic cases and for research work, a great step forward will have been taken in reducing the heavy mortality.

One factor, which must certainly have a beneficent effect upon the campaign, is the ante-natal work in which Queen Charlotte's Hospital has taken so prominent and honourable a part. One important point is that the happiest relations are established between the coming mothers and the staff, and the confidence thus engendered is of great importance.

THE ANTE-NATAL DEPARTMENT.

By the courtesy of the Secretary of the hospital, Mr. Arthur Watts, we are able to publish the accompanying

This department is available for patients other than those coming into the hospital, or to be attended by the hospital in their own homes.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

In accordance with the directions of the Minister of Health, the Committee on Maternal Mortality have drawn up an Inquiry Form for the investigation of maternal deaths, which they suggest should be circulated to Local Authorities to be used in such inquiries by the Medical Officer of Health either in its present form, or with such modifications as may be considered desirable by individual Authorities. It is hoped that similar arrangements will be made in all parts of the country.

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