

The Midwife.

ST. MARGARET QUEEN OF SCOTLAND.

In her most interesting story of the life of St. Margaret Queen of Scotland, wife of Malcolm Canmore, Miss Lucy Menzies gives us some little known facts pointed out by Mr. Moir-Bryce regarding this glorious Queen who became in the eyes of the Scots the saintly patroness of motherhood. The belief that anything blessed or touched by a saint was holy and carried powers of protection and blessing for whosoever touched it, had been held in Scotland since the days of Columba. The Gaels believed his bell and *bachall* to possess magical properties, and after his death, when there was a long drought one summer at Iona, the tunic he wore at the time of his death was carried out to the

COW AND GATE COMPETITION.

In the presence of a distinguished assembly the presentation of the first prize of £200, in the Photographic Competition arranged by Messrs. Cow and Gate Ltd., of Guildford, took place on Friday, August 28th, at the Zeeta Café, Kingston, the presentation being made by the Mayor, Alderman W. Bell, J.P.

The prizewinners were Valerie Ann and José Eleanor Emerson, the one year and nine months' old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson, 34, Waters Road, Kingston.

Major A. J. Suenson-Taylor, the Chairman of the Company, presided, and after welcoming the guests, introduced a film, "Food for Thought," made by the



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fields, raised in the air and shaken three times—"when suddenly the sky which for months had been cloudless was covered with dense vapours and copious rain fell . . ."

In the same way, the tunic in which Queen Margaret died, the *camisia Beate Margarete Regine* or *Sanct Margarettis Sark*, was credited with powers of an even more beneficent nature. It was kept beside her shrine in her church at Dunfermline till the Reformation, and the Queens of Scotland wore it during their hour of travail. Of all saints canonised by the Roman Church, "Queen Margaret stands alone as the happy mother of a large family, who reared sons and daughters to her credit and died surrounded by her children." As patroness of motherhood her well at Restalrig used to be visited and invoked by childless wives.

The list of successful candidates in the August Examination of the Central Midwives Board shows that the number of candidates examined was 793, and candidates passed 649. The percentage of failures was 18.2.

Company in conjunction with the New Health Society. A description of the film was given by Dr. J. Campbell.

On completion of the film the Chairman gave some interesting details regarding the Competition, in which he said the Company had received 10,000 entries mainly from this country, but some entries were received from as far as India, Egypt, Canada and Continental countries. The Chairman further explained that the Committee of Judges, including Sir Arbutnot Lane, the President of the New Health Society, the Hon. Mrs. St. Aubyn, and the Editress of the *Nursery World*, spent many laborious hours judging the photographs, and very great credit was due to Mr. and Mrs. Emerson on their twin babies winning first prize in a competition of these dimensions.

The Mayor then presented Mrs. Emerson with the cheque for £200, and in his speech congratulated the Company on their public-spirited enterprise in organising a competition of this description, and handed a cheque for fifty guineas to Mr. H. G. Hodder, of London Road, Kingston, the chemist who sent in the photograph of Mrs. Emerson's babies.

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