

Florence Nightingale was a great friend of Queen Marie, and her Majesty often conferred with "the heroine of the Crimea" concerning her hospital work, and derived much aid from the practical counsel thus obtained.

THE WELFARE OF INFANCY.

Their Majesties the King and Queen have graciously lent their patronage to the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy. The foundation of this society is the outcome of a public meeting held last July at the Caxton Hall, under the presidency of Mr. John Burns.

Mr. John Burns is the president of the new association, while Sir Thomas Barlow is the first chairman of its executive committee. The latter consists of 12 representatives of statutory administrative authorities, 12 medical officers of health, 12 members of the medical profession actively engaged in clinical practice and 12 representatives of various societies actually engaged in carrying on work for the welfare of mothers and babies. It is confidently anticipated that local authorities and their medical officers of health will continue that active support and help in this great work which they have so readily given to the previous conferences. An earnest of the important work the newly constituted society proposes to carry on, it has already arranged to hold in London a post-graduate course on the feeding and care of infants. This course, which fulfills a long-felt want, will be held in London from the 6th to 16th January next.

The executive committee is now actively engaged in organizing an English-speaking Conference on Infant Mortality, which is to be held in London on August 4th and 5th next, a date which immediately precedes the International Medical Congress. In addition to expert authorities in England, delegates from the Overseas Dominions and America will take part in the conference, and it has been decided to hold it in two sections so that the subjects included in the programme may be dealt with both from the administrative and medical sides.

Further particulars with respect to the association, membership in which is open to all who sympathize, or of the post-graduate course and the conference may be obtained from Miss Halford, secretary to the association, 4 Tavistock Square, London, W.C.
