Training of Health Visitors.

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THE Health Visitor must play a very important part in the scheme of social reconstruction, and she must be properly trained.

She is first of all a teacher, secondly an observer and reporter, and thirdly, to some extent, an almoner.

Preliminary qualifications, minimum age 21, good physique, appearance and manner, good standard of education, Oxford or Cambridge Local Senior Examination for a minimum.

There should be one minimum qualification, a diploma granted by an examining body after a stipulated period of training at recognized centres.

Three Years' Training.—First year : First six months spent in approved Maternity Hospital, having an out-patient department, ante-natal clinic, and beds for the treatment of complications of pregnancy. Having regard to high rate of infant mortality in ante-natal period and first post-natal month, the knowledge acquired here is invaluable ; obtain C.M.B. Certificate. Second six months spent in approved Children's Hospital or children's wards of approved General Hospital.

Second Year.—Attached to large Public Health Department for practical work, and to University or other centre for theoretical instruction. At end of year pass Part I. of qualifying examination.

Third Year.—Still attached to Health Department and University, etc. ; at end of year pass Part II. of qualifying examination and receive diploma. During second and third years might receive small salary and uniform.

The Relationship of the Health Visitor to the Midwife.

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THE State should be as a mother to her people. The State responsible for Central Midwives Board.

The rules of C.M.B. are for safeguarding the lives of mothers and infants. For the same reason health visitors have been appointed, therefore we are *allies not antagonists*.

A midwife who keeps the law need not fear the visits of the health visitors.