

Central Midwives' Board.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board, Dr. Champneys in the chair, was held at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, S.W., on Thursday, July 23rd, when the following business was transacted:—

The Secretary reported that, subject to the confirmation of the Board, he had made an arrangement with Messrs. Spottiswoode and Co. for the sale of the Board's publications, including the rules, forms, and Midwives' Roll.

The action of the Secretary was approved.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise for a lady clerk at 30s. per week, to enter on her duties when the Board takes possession of its new office at 6, Suffolk Street, about the middle of August.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Council, enclosing a copy of the rules as revised by the Privy Council after consideration of the representations made by the General Medical Council, the Home Office, and the Local Government Board.

After discussion of the suggested amendments, some of which were accepted and others modified, the Secretary was directed to return the rules to the Privy Council with the observations of the Board on the alterations made.

It is not anticipated that any difficulty will now arise to prevent the approval of the rules by the Privy Council at an early date.

Queen's Nurses at Londonderry.

On Tuesday, Queen Alexandra inspected a number of "Queen's Nurses" who had been assembled at Brooke Park, Londonderry, and presented a certificate to Nurse Forster.

Deaf and Dumb Association.

The eighth biennial congress of the British Deaf and Dumb Association was opened at St. Saviour's Church, Oxford Street, on Tuesday. The Rev. W. Blomefield Sleight, the president, took the chair. A resolution was passed declaring that no single method of instruction was sufficient for the development of the deaf and dumb; that a large proportion of the deaf lack the capacity to acquire lip-reading successfully; that a judicious use of the sign language and manual alphabet was of great benefit in the education of the deaf; and that the rejection of these exerted a narrowing influence on their intellectual development; and it was asked that in any schemes which might be considered by the Board of Education, either in reference to the primary or higher education of the deaf and dumb, these views might receive consideration.

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The Queen has subscribed £50 towards the Countess of Dudley's scheme to provide nurses in the poorest districts in Ireland.

Though there is, happily, no prospect of a call for their immediate services, the Army Nursing Service Reserve is to be fully kept up to strength, and recently, at a special meeting at the Army Medical Department, a number of new members were enrolled. Colonel Babbie, V.C., remains the honorary secretary to the movement. It is to be hoped that the three years standard of training and certification will now be enforced by the Reserve Committee, as it has been adopted by the Board of the regular Imperial Military Nursing Service.

We find that a very full and sufficient schedule of questions in reference to the professional qualifications and character of candidates applying to enter the Military Nursing Service is now invariably forwarded from the Matron-in-Chief to the Matrons of the various training-schools from whence the candidates apply.

The lack of appreciation by the Committee of the Army Nursing Service Reserve of this fundamental principle in dealing with professional matters during the late war had the inevitable result, and it cannot do better than obtain a copy of the Official Letter of Inquiry from the War Office, and adopt a like standard of nursing etiquette in its relations with the Superintendents of our training-schools.

Dr. F. W. Andrewes has been appointed by the Treasurer and Almoners to lecture on Bacteriology to the Probationary Nurses at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Miss Mabel Paine has been appointed by one vote as Second Assistant Medical Officer at Chelsea Infirmary. Owing to lack of accommodation her appointment was not advocated by the Medical Superintendent, and if, as it appears from a report that it is suggested, she cannot share the young medical men's rooms she is to share those of the Matron, we consider it very unfair upon the senior nursing officer. We trust that some arrangement may be made by the Committee

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