

the same, there is a little gold mine awaiting them when they have the energy and courage to work it. Some day we hope they will do so.

In our opinion there is only room for a nursing journal of pronounced and consistent anti-registration and anti-reform policy. We registrationists have our own faithful organ, *and now is the time to come forward and give it every support in our power by contributions, and, if possible, advertisements.* It also acts as the official organ of the International Council of Nurses, the Matrons' Council, and the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. *Nursing Notes* is the official organ of several important nursing societies. *Asylum News* is the organ of the Asylum Workers' Association. The R.B.N.A. and all the Nurses' Leagues have their own journals, and Sir Henry Burdett's paper caters for the hospital secretarial world through which most of the financial support to such papers filters. What *clientèle*, therefore, remains for the new commercial venture? None, unless it has the courage to come off the hedge and boldly assert that it intends to support the anti-registration campaign. We may be sure that one member of its Consultative Board will not long resist the temptation to wield his prolific pen in support of the faith that is in him.

The Central Midwives' Board.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, S.W., on Thursday, March 23rd.

There were present Dr. Champneys (in the chair), Miss Paget, Mrs. Latter, Sir William Sinclair, Mr. Ward Cousins, Mr. Parker Young, and Dr. Cullingworth.

The Minutes of two previous meetings having been read, the Secretary read letters from the Registrar of the Royal College of Physicians, reporting the re-election of Dr. Champneys as the representative of the College on the Board for the ensuing year; from the Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons, reporting the re-election of Mr. J. Ward Cousins; from the Clerk of the Society of Apothecaries, reporting the election of their representative; from the Secretary of the Incorporated Midwives' Institute, reporting the election of Dr. W. R. Dakin as the representative of the Institute on the Board for the ensuing year, Dr. Cullingworth having decided to resign his seat.

Mr. Parker Young said he would like to propose a vote of thanks to Dr. Cullingworth for his services while a member of the Board. This was very heartily seconded by Sir William Sinclair, who said that Dr. Cullingworth had rendered eminent service to the community in connection with the Midwives' Act.

Dr. Champneys, as chairman, said he fully endorsed all that had been said by the previous speakers. Only those in a position to know could appreciate the work done by Dr. Cullingworth as a member of the Midwives' Board. He was never self-seeking, always ready to take a most onerous share in the work, and,

in expressing the hearty thanks of the Board to Dr. Cullingworth, he should like to add his own appreciation of the extreme value of the services which had been rendered by Dr. Cullingworth.

Miss Paget said that, on behalf of the members of the Midwives' Institute, she desired to thank Dr. Cullingworth for his consistent attitude of justice towards midwives.

Dr. Cullingworth, in thanking the Board for this quite unexpected tribute, said he would not make a speech, but it was a great satisfaction to him to know that his work had been appreciated by the other members of the Board.

Amongst the letters read was one from the Clerk of the Menai Bridge Urban District Council suggesting the desirability of having the Board's rules translated into Welsh. Mr. Parker Young thought the suggestion a very reasonable one. The Act applied to Wales as well as to England, and he thought an authorised copy of the rules in Welsh should be drawn up. Sir William Sinclair considered that the request was only an extreme expression of Welsh nationalism. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the opinion of the County Councils' Association should be asked as to the need of an authorised translation of the Rules in Welsh.

Dr. Sergeant, Medical Officer of Health for Lancashire, drew attention to the case of those midwives who were unable to comply with the rules of the Board, as they did not understand the use of the clinical thermometer.

It was considered that the attention of such midwives should be called to the rules, and that they should be taught the use of the thermometer. In reference to a midwife, who was reported as not carrying antiseptic solutions, it was agreed that refusal to do so would be regarded as negligence and misconduct.

The issue of certificates to 2,741 midwives was then sanctioned, bringing up the total number on the Roll up to 18,231.

The Secretary considered that before the end of the month the total number would be well over 20,000.

The following medical practitioners were recognised as lecturers under Rule C 1 (3):—Miss Ethel F. Lamport, L.S.A., M.D.(Brux.), J. H. Willett, Esq., M.B., Ch.B., Hugh E. Wingfield, Esq., M.D., B.C., C. R. Wood, Esq., M.A., M.D., B.S., &c.

The following midwives were approved under Rule C 1 (2):—Miss Helena Perry, Miss Grace O'Flahertie, Miss M. M. Baxter, Miss Alice S. Gregory, Miss Hilda Marsland, and Miss Lelia Parnell.

The Belfast Maternity Hospital and the New Hospital for Women were approved as training-schools for midwives.

The report of the Standing Committee having been received, Sir William Sinclair moved "That the advertisement issued by the Board in pursuance of a resolution of January 26th be withdrawn, and that the question of the appointment of an inspector be further considered by the Board." The inspector having been appointed at the meeting of the Board the previous week, the resolution was practically useless. Sir William considered that the Board had been guilty of an act of discourtesy in making the appointment. The matter was not so urgent that it could not have been held over for a time. The Chairman defended the action of the Board.

After the date of the next meeting had been fixed for April 27th, the proceedings terminated.

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