Name.

- Inf., Blackburn. 1595 Miss Kate Lowe, cert. St. Bartholomew's Hosp.
- 1596 Miss E. M. Attenborough, cert. Guy's Hosp. 1597 Miss M. H. Kebbell, cert. General Inf., Leeds.
- 1598 Miss S. G. Aitken, Lady Supt., Incorp. Nurses'
- Inst., Bradford. 1599 Miss A. E. Densham, Matron General Hosp., Northampton.
- 1600 Miss M. J. Loane, late Supt. Queen's Nurses, Portsmouth.
- 1601 Miss G. M. Bailey, cert. County Hosp., Lincoln. 1602 Miss L. M. Tiddeman, cert. Hackney Union Inf.
- 1603 Miss Elizth. Johnstone, Lady Supt., Home
- Hosp., Exeter. 1604 Miss A. F. Hartford, Matron King's County Inf.,
- Tullamore.
- 1605 Miss Emeline Evans, Supt. of Nurses, Nurses' Home and Nurs. Inst., Sheftield.
  1606 Miss F. Newton, Matron Wolverhampton and Midland Counties Eye Inf.
- 1607 Miss E. B. Charlton, cert. Addenbrooke's Hosp.,
- Cambridge. 1608 Miss Ada B. Clarke, Matron North Evington
- Inf., Leicester. 1609 Miss Gladys E. Duncum, cert. St. Bartholomew's
- Hosp. 1610 Miss Margaret A. Brown, trained St. Thomas' Hosp.
- 1611 Miss M. P. Thomson, Matron Sunderland Inf.
- 1612 Miss M. Wright, Matron Stobhill Hosp., Glasgow.
- 1613 Miss C. M. Nocl Austen, cert. St. Bartholomew's
- Hosp. 1614 Miss H. E. Ellis, Matron Sister Dora Con. Hosp.,
- Milford.
- 1615 Mrs. A. Hall, trained General Hosp., Nottingham.
- 1616 Miss A. Humphry, Matron Merchant Taylors' Home for Ladies, Bognor.

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## Hon. Sec.

All Matrons and certificated nurses who are in . favour of Registration by the State should help the cause by becoming members of the Society for the State Registration of Nurses. Apply to the Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W., for forms of application and information. All official information, referring to the Society, appears in this Journal.

## Esperanto.

We desire to call attention to the kind offer of Mr. Alfred E. Wackerill to form a class free of charge for the study of Esperanto, should a sufficient number of nurses be found to join it. Esperanto is being widely adopted as the common language of the nations, and it is very desirable that nurses should be acquainted with it. The expense of the necessary text-books would not be great. Will any nurse who would like to join such a class communicate with the Editor of this Journal at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W.

## The Central Midwives' Board.

The first meeting of the Central Midwives' Board after the summer vacation took place at the Board Room, 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, on Thursday, October 5th, when there was a very full Agenda. Indeed, although the Board meets early and sits late, the meetings often not terminating until six o'clock or after, some of the business has usually to be postponed until a future occasion.

There were present at the meeting Dr. Champneys, in the chair, Miss Wilson, Miss Paget, Mrs. Latter, Sir William Sinclair, Mr. Ward Cousins, Mr. Parker Young, and Dr. Dakin.

The minutes of two previous meetings having been read and confirmed, the correspondence was next dealt with; it included a letter from Dr. Whitaker, the Medical Scoretary of the British Medical Association, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Council of the Association with reference to the appointment of Inspectors of Midwives, in which the opinion was expressed that such inspectors should always be medical practitioners. It was pointed out that the letter could only be regarded as an expression of pious opinion, as the Board do not appoint Inspectors of Midwives (this is the province of the local authorities). It was decided to reply that it was not the custom of the Board to aproint such inspectors. The Financial Statement was then presented, and it

is interesting to those who are concerned in the cost of publishing a Register, to note that the cost of corrections alone to the new issue of the Roll was £54 13s. It will be seen that the maintenance of a correct Roll is neither an easy nor an inexpensive matter.

Sir William Sinclair considered that it was desirable the financial statement should be circulated to members of the Board previously to the meeting, and it was agreed that it should be sent out with the Agenda. Dr. Dakin was appointed as a medical member of the Board to assist the examiners in setting the paper for the ensuing examination. In regard to the appointment of visitors to the Provincial Examinations, it was not considered necessary that such visitors should be appointed on every occasion, but that occasional visits of inspection should be paid. The Secretary stated that 460 applications had already been received for admission to the next examination, there being 350 or more in London alone. The selection of such additional examiners as might be necessary was left to the Chairman and Dr. Dakin.

The date of the first examination next year was pro-visionally settled for Tuesday, February 6th. The Report of the Standing Committee was then presented, the subject which caused most discussion being the perennial one of the recognition of the certificate of the Belfast Maternity Hospital as an approved qualification under Section 2 of the Midwives' Act. The Board, it will be remembered, on March 23rd last declined to recognise the certificate under this section, which only applied till the following April 1st. Since then, the Board of the Hospital, which no doubt had a genuine grievance, has per-sistently ventilated it, its last move being an appeal to the Drive Coursel the Lord Broudert of which we the Privy Council, the Lord President of which com-municated with the Central Midwives' Board, transmitting a copy of a letter from Dr. Byers, and requesting the Secretary to "move the Board to state whether they could not have seen their way to



