

C I. (2):—Miss Amelia Ann Pinnock, Miss Amy Proude Nightingale, Miss Isabella Lewis Scrimgeour.

The Report of the Standing Committee was adopted.

The next written examination of the Board in London and the provinces was announced for February 6th, 1906, the next meeting of the Board for November 23rd.

Association for Training and Supply of Midwives.

A meeting of the Council of the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives was held at the office, Dacre House, Dean Farrar Street, Westminster, on Friday, October 27th.

The Report of work, made by Mrs. Wallace Bruce, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that twenty-four pupil midwives had entered for training during the nine months since the beginning of the year, who are under agreement with the association to work for a definite period as District Midwives. Of these, thirteen had been trained specially to work in various counties, viz.—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Berkshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Hampshire, and Gloucestershire. The Committee are prepared to recommend pupil midwives, after training, for district work among the poor. Application to be made to the Secretary.

Special reference was made to the Lectures on Midwives under the London County Council, now being given in eleven centres, the Association having aided in the organisation of these classes; and Dr. Mary Rocke spoke on the success of the classes.

The following resolution, moved by Lady Brassey and seconded by Miss Rosalind Paget, was carried:—

“That this meeting approves of the work done by the Executive Committee of the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives during the year, and is of opinion that steps must be taken to increase the funds of the Association, in order that the work may be adequately continued during 1906; and that for this purpose a large meeting be held in the spring, which will make known the national importance of the work, and the need of public support to continue it.”

Bottled Babies.

From the *Morning Post*:—

WANTED, NURSE for night duty only; one thoroughly accustomed to bottle babies; off duty at 9 a.m.; breakfast found; wages £16 to £18.—Further particulars, &c.

To bottle babies! How is it done, and for what purpose are these innocents used when “bottled”?

Nursing Echoes.

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The Bart's League is to be congratulated upon the success of its first post-graduate course on Bacteriology, which is being taught in a course of fortnightly lectures by Dr. F. W. Andrewes. More than 100 members and their colleagues attend these lectures, and demonstrate once more that by co-operation the nursing profession can do much to improve educational facilities, a lesson we learn but slowly. What the Bart's League can do for Bart's nurses, the combined Leagues can do for the Nation's nurses.

The Chelsea Guardians have adopted the admirable plan in regard to the examination of their nurses of obtaining the services of an examiner outside the institution. The examiner is Dr. Charles Ernest Baker, F.R.C.S. At the recent examination of third-year nurses, ten offered themselves for examination and nine passed. The examiner in sending the list of successful candidates to the Matron wrote: “I am pleased to be able to say I think the general standard is good.”

Our readers will think we are never satisfied, and we acknowledge a vaulting ambition where the noble work of nursing is concerned—but when shall we see trained nurse examiners taking their part in testing the practical efficiency of nurses—the side of their work, in our opinion, of paramount importance?

Speaking at Brighton at a meeting of the Sussex Medico-Chirurgical Society on the Army Medical Service, Sir Frederick Treves, in alluding to the Army Nursing Board, said that when it was formed the Queen at once became its president and took deep interest in it—a fact of which, he believed, the public were not fully aware. All the minutes of all the meetings were sent to her Majesty, and she generally appointed someone to discuss on her behalf the points raised. There was no movement in connection with the Army Nursing Service with which the Queen was not only familiar but had taken part in. No fewer than 260 nursing Sisters had been added to it since her Majesty insisted on its being put in order.

We regret that Sir Frederick Treves made no allusion to the notoriously inadequate accommodation which he and his colleagues on the Army Hospitals Committee have approved for the Military Sisters

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