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#### MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at the offices, 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, on Thursday, February 22nd, at 2.45 p.m. Dr. Champneys was in the chair, and all the members of the Board were present. After the minutes had been passed, letters were considered (a) from Dr. Stookes, of Liverpool, as to the scope of the teaching prescribed by the Board on the subjects of sanitation and emergencies; (b) from Dr. Fairbairn and Dr. Hicks as to the defective training of a candidate at the recent examination. It was agreed that these letters should be considered when the rules were revised; (c) from Dr. Pothergill, on behalf of the Examiners for the Manchester Centre, expressing their satisfaction with the paper set at the recent examination, also urging the necessity for uniformity of teaching, and a uniform standard of examination for candidates for the Board's examination, and the issue of an official handbook for midwives. It was agreed that the Examiners should be invited to a meeting at which the Chairman of the Board should preside, and that the above and other questions should be considered by them with the knowledge and approval of the Board; (d) from Dr. Swayne, on behalf of the Examiners for the Bristol centre, drawing attention to the defective training of some of the candidates at the recent examination. A considerable number were, he said, Welsh, and could not express themselves with facility in English, but the practical instruction they had received was unsound and not sufficiently detailed on such subjects as post partum hæmorrhage and sepsis. After all allowance had been made for examination fright there was a want of knowledge of practical details of general nursing which were taught as a matter of course to nurses in hospital, and which should be taught to midwives who were not nurses. In examination those who were trained nurses showed

a remarkable superiority to those trained in midwifery alone, in spite of the practical coaching which the latter received.

(e) Mrs. Heywood Johnstone, as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Rural Midwives' Association, wrote informing the Board that women of the working classes were unable through nervousness to pass its examination, as they found difficulty in giving expression to the knowledge they had attained, in the written paper. The Chairman, Miss Wilson, and Sir William Sinclair, who visited the examinations, were all agreed that the greatest care was exercised to discount nervousness; it was decided to communicate this fact to Mrs. Heywood Johnstone and also to explain that no candidate was rejected on the written paper only.

The Clerk to the London County Council wrote asking the interpretation given by the Board as to the exemption of a midwife working in a private hospital under Rule E (21). The Board replied that they had no intention that this rule, exempting certified midwives exercising their calling in hospitals, workhouses, and Poor Law infirmaries, should apply to private hospitals. They further asked the L.C.C. to use its influence to get Rule 21 altered.

Sir William Sinclair was appointed Visitor to the Newcastle centre, and Dr. Herman to the Manchester centre at the next examination.

It was agreed that Mr. Julius Bertram, M.P., should be appointed as Solicitor to the Board when the employment of a solicitor was requisite. Rule I. of the Rules of Penal Procedure was revised.

Miss Jennie Hambling was appointed Head Clerk to the Board, and a vote of thanks was passed to the retiring clerk, Miss Menzies, for her services.

The Motilbai Hospital, Bombay, was approved as a Training School.

The following medical men were recognised as teachers:—C. H. Osmond, Esq., L.S.A.; Dr. E. C. Williams, F.R.C.S.Ed.; W. B. Winckworth, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; C. E. Russell Rendle, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. T. Samuel, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

The following midwives were approved for the purpose of signing Forms III. and IV.:—Miss A. L. Evans, Miss A. F. Harvey, Miss L. A. Eames, Miss A. Smith.

#### Peptonised Foods for the Sick.

The value of peptonised foods in certain classes of illness is well known to all nurses, who should be acquainted with the various methods of their preparation. A useful little book of recipes for the preparation of peptonised foods for the sick by the "Fairchild Process" is issued by Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., Snow Hill Buildings, London, E.C., the London agents of Messrs. Fairchild Bros. and Foster, whose "Zimine" Peptonising Tubes have so well deserved a reputation. Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co. will send the booklet to any nurse on receipt of her card, and the opportunity is one of which nurses should avail themselves.

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