

output of qualified women was small. Funds were urgently needed to keep up the institution, to take a nurses' home, and so increase the number of maternity beds, to build a general hospital, and to develop the entire scheme.

One of the most interesting speeches of the afternoon was made by Miss Alice Gregory, the Hon. Secretary of the Home, to whose indefatigable efforts it owes so much. Miss Gregory stated that the object of the Council was the foundation of a National Training School for Midwives, but to carry on such work adequately an Exchequer grant would be needed.

The Supply of Midwives.

Lord Goschen, Chairman of Council, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Mrs. Wallace Bruce, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives, Mrs. Heywood Johnstone, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Rural Midwives' Association, Miss Alice Gregory, Hon. Secretary of the Home for Mothers and Babies, Wood Street, Woolwich, and Miss Wilson, President of the Midwives' Institute, have addressed a letter to the Chairmen of County Councils enquiring whether in view of the vital importance of midwives to the greater number of mothers of the working class and of the responsibility, as Local Supervising Authority, already placed by the Act upon County Councils, steps could be taken by them to obtain Parliamentary power to incur expenditure, when necessary, to ensure a due provision of midwives in each county, in co-operation with or supplementary to existing nursing and other associations.

The Central Midwives' Board.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at Caxton House, Westminster, on Thursday, May 21st, Dr. Champneys presiding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Secretary reported a letter from Princess Christian, asking him to lay before the Board her Royal Highness's request that her Maternity Home at Windsor might be officially recognised. The Home trains four pupils each year, giving them six months' training. The Princess stated that the matter was urgent.

The Chairman proposed that the request should be acceded to, and Dr. Stanley Atkinson moved as an amendment that the application should be referred to the Standing Committee. This was seconded by Mr. Fordham, and supported by Miss Paget, who stated that the Home was affiliated to Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, but the matter has not been referred to it. She believed the training given in the Home to be excellent, but

she feared a dangerous precedent might be created by the recognition of the Home as proposed by the Chairman. It was smaller than any which it had been the policy of the Board to recognise hitherto. She, therefore, supported Dr. Atkinson's motion that the application should be referred to the Standing Committee.

Sir William Sinclair supported the Chairman's proposal, apparently considering that an application from a Royal Princess demanded exceptional treatment.

The Chairman's proposal for the recognition of the Home, on being put to the meeting, was carried.

The ordinary procedure of the Board is that applications for recognition as training schools are first considered by the Standing Committee, which reports to the Board. Up to the present no institution training so small a number of pupils annually has been recognised, the Board preferring to recognise the teacher, and only to recognise an institution when it is of sufficient size to provide the "obstetrical environment" to the importance of which attention has on previous occasions been directed by the Chairman.

REPORT OF PENAL CASES COMMITTEE.

The Committee reported that the Local Supervising Authorities had given satisfactory reports in the case of five midwives censured or cautioned for offences against the rules. In one case an unsatisfactory report was made, and it was agreed to cite the midwife to appear before the Board.

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Committee, to grant the request of Sarah Shawcross, No. 16151, for removal from the Roll, and to cancel her certificate. It was agreed to cite 31 midwives to appear before the Board to answer charges made against them.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the above Committee, to thank the General Secretary of the British Medical Association for a letter suggesting that the notice of midwives should be drawn to the importance of the earlier recognition of uterine cancer, and to say that the Board proposed to send a leaflet, prepared by the Chairman, to Midwives, Teachers, and Local Supervising Authorities. It was agreed to grant the applications of Mary Ann Stanley, No. 19683, and Priscilla Gurney Taylor, No. 14504, for removal from the Roll. Applications from the following midwives for approval for the purposes of signing Forms III. and IV. were granted: Mary Parkin, No. 3498, and Martha Leah Hills, No. 5304.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was agreed to sell out £500 worth of 3 per cent. stock. The Chairman remarked that the time was approaching when the Board would have to obtain subsidies from the County and County Borough Rates.

APRIL EXAMINATION.

The Secretary presented a Report on the April Examination.

The date of the next meeting of the Board was fixed for June 18th, and of the Penal Cases Board for July 9th and 10th, at 2.30.

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