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#### CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD EXAMINATION PAPER.

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*Candidates are advised to answer all the questions.*

1. Describe the anatomical changes occurring in the pelvic organs during the first stage of labour.

2. How would you state the primary object of antenatal care?

Describe your method of history-taking in a woman engaging you for her fourth confinement?

3. What organisms cause the most serious forms of child-bed infection?

Where may they come from and how may they reach the birth canal?

4. Your patient has been in the second stage of labour for about three hours with the head deep in the pelvis. What are the most likely causes of delay in such a case and what would you do?

5. What are the points on which you would satisfy yourself before ceasing attendance on a lying-in mother and her child?

6. Under what conditions may it be advisable to supplement breast feeding?

What is your duty in such a case?

#### INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MIDWIVES.

The Sixth Congress will be held from Friday, May 25th, to Tuesday, May 29th, 1934, at the Midwives' Institute, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1. Subject of the Congress: "The Training and Education of Midwives." All information may be obtained from the International Congress Secretary, at the above address.

#### SOCIETY FOR THE PROVISION OF BIRTH CONTROL CLINICS.

The Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics has just issued its Annual Report. There are 27 affiliated centres throughout the country, and during its twelve years of work, advice in birth control methods has been given to over 47,000 patients. In this time of grave unemployment its work is more necessary than ever and some pitiful cases have been assisted.

A brighter side is shown by the many letters received from grateful patients, a few of which are quoted in the report.

The report shows clearly that birth control methods do not cause sterility as is thought by the ill-informed. It is encouraging to note how frequently patients will conceive deliberately, and to read the letters in which the patients say how much happier they are with their husbands and children when the fear of unwanted pregnancies is removed.

The report contains a report of the Medical Officers of the

Walworth Centre, in which they state that there is abundant evidence that the methods advised at the centres are reasonably successful, and cause neither physical injury nor sterility.

Further information may be had from the Secretary, the Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics, 153a, East Street, Walworth, S.E.17, and donations will be gratefully received by the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Mrs. Graham Murray, at the same address.

#### PIONEER WORK FOR WOMEN.

##### THE RED CRESCENT SOCIETY OF IRAQ.

The Women's Section of this Society was started by Lady Humphrys, D.B.E., the wife of the British Ambassador, in February, 1933. The first class was designated "The Royal Class," and consisted of their Royal Highnesses the Princess Azza and the Princess Rajah (daughters of the late King Feisal), and some of their personal friends.

The late King took a deep interest in this movement, and was pleased that the Princesses should lead the women of Iraq in the splendid cause of raising the standard of health and nursing in the country.

Miss C. Walker (the Senior Sister of Princess Maiy's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, stationed at Hinaidi), generously volunteered her services as lecturer, the necessary sanction and facilities being given for her to visit the Royal Palace in Baghdad, where the classes were held weekly.

Two practical demonstrations were given—one in April and the other in October—at the conclusion of the course of instruction. The work was judged by the Matron P.M.R.A.F.N.S. and Mrs. Lampard, R.R.C., who were much impressed by the great enthusiasm, high standard, and ability displayed by the pupils. So keen were the students to learn that the classes in First Aid and Home Nursing were continued even through the hot weather.

The interest taken by the Women in the Red Crescent movement was so widespread that Lady Humphrys was instrumental in obtaining support so that a full time lecturer could be sent out from England.

Miss Kathleen Austin (London Hospital) was appointed, and came out to Baghdad in October. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Cicely Bligh (St. Bartholomew's Hospital), who was associated with her in the work of the Mothercraft Training Home, Manor Street, Chelsea, which is affiliated to Cromwell House Mothercraft Training Centre at Highgate.

They are now conducting classes in First Aid and Home Nursing in the Royal Palace amongst the teachers and students in the Girls' Schools, and also hold classes in Mothercraft for married Iraqi ladies who have knowledge of English.

Three courses of lectures will be given and certificates granted after the completion of each course.

The British Red Cross Society very kindly gifted to the Iraq Red Crescent Society (Women's Section) a lantern, films and literature, to help in the teaching of all these subjects.

Besides these, a complete Mothercraft Nursery equipment on the lines of that in use at Cromwell House has been brought out.

Beginning with the teaching of the educated women in the capital, it is the earnest hope that they will be inspired and encouraged to branch out and instruct their fellow country women in the smaller towns and villages and gradually spread a knowledge of the laws of health and mothercraft throughout Iraq.

Baghdad. MARION LAMPARD, R.R.C., F.B.C.N.

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