

Government after examination undergone before a faculty of medicine, *une école de plein exercice*, or a preparatory school of medicine or pharmacy of the State. An Order issued with the advice of the Superior Council of Public Instruction will determine the conditions of the curriculum and the programme applicable to midwifery pupils. Midwives of the first and second class shall continue to exercise their profession under pre-existing conditions.

4. Midwives are forbidden to employ instruments. In cases of difficult labour they shall call in a doctor of medicine [or *un officier de santé*]. They are likewise forbidden to prescribe medicines, except in the case foreseen by the decree of June 23rd, 1873,\* and by decrees which may hereafter be made under the same conditions with the advice of the Academy of Medicine.

#### SECTION IV.

9. (This clause requires midwives to register their title within a month of their establishment in a district at the Prefecture or Subprefecture and with the civil tribunal).

10. (This clause directs Prefects and the judicial authority in each department to keep a list of the names, residence, and date and source of the diplomas of midwives. These lists are to be posted every year in every commune of the department, and certified copies are to be sent to the Ministers of the Interior, of Public Instruction, and of Justice).

15. (This clause requires midwives to notify to the public authority every case of an epidemic disease coming under their notice, the list of such diseases to be issued by the Minister of the Interior on the advice of the Academy of Medicine and of the Consultative Committee of Public Hygiene).

#### SECTION V.—ILLEGAL PRACTICE—PENALTIES.

16. The following persons practise medicine illegally.

(1) Every person who, not provided with a diploma ..... of midwife ..... takes part habitually or in a continuous way (*par une direction suivie*) in the practice of the obstetric art, except in cases of extreme urgency.

(2) Every midwife who exceeds the limits fixed by Section IV. of the present law for the exercise of her profession.

(3) Every person provided with a regular diploma who goes beyond the conditions imposed upon him by law, especially by giving assistance to persons referred to in the previous paragraph, with the object of withdrawing them from the provisions of the present law.

17. Infractions of the present law as laid down and punished herein, shall be subject to prosecution before the Correctional Tribunal.

\*This decree permitted pharmacists to sell ergot (a scheduled poison upon the prescription of a midwife).

18. The illegal exercise of the obstetric art is punished by a fine of fifty to one hundred francs, and in the case of a repetition of the offence, by a fine of one hundred to five hundred francs, and by imprisonment for from six days to one month, or by one or other of these penalties only.

19. The usurpation of the title of midwife shall be punished by a fine of one hundred to five hundred francs, and in case of repetition of the offence, by a fine of five hundred to one thousand francs, and by imprisonment for from one to two months, or by one or other of these penalties only. A decree relative to the conditions of study required of women desiring to obtain the diploma of midwife was promulgated on July 26th, 1893.

*Article 1* lays it down that the period of study, which must be both theoretical and practical, for the diploma of midwife, extends over two years.

*Article 2* has reference to the diploma of the first class, and requires that the second year should be spent in a fully equipped faculty or school of medicine and pharmacy.

*Article 3* has reference to the diploma of the second class, and equally requires two years of study, but neither need be spent in a fully equipped school of medicine and pharmacy, but may be spent in a preparatory school of medicine and pharmacy, or in a maternity.

*Article 4* requires the candidate to pass an examination at the end of the first year in elementary anatomy, physiology, and pathology, and at the end of the second year in the theory and practice of obstetrics.

*Article 7* requires from candidates, in addition to identifying documents, a certificate of vaccination and evidences of adequate primary instruction.

### Royal South Hants Infirmary, Southampton.

MISS MOLLETT, the Matron of the Royal South Hants Infirmary at Southampton, wishes to inform probationers that the term of training at that institution has been extended from two to three years. It is extremely interesting to note the great number of hospitals which have extended their term of training to the three years' standard during the past year.

PRINCESS VICTORIA OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN has now quite recovered from a slight attack of measles from which she has been suffering at Cumberland Lodge.

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