

advice from the Board on this matter. The consideration of the question was deferred to a future meeting.

The Financial Statement was then submitted by the Secretary. Some discussion took place as to whether the Statement should be made up to the day preceding the meeting of the Board, as is the custom at present, or whether it should be printed and circulated on the Agenda convening the meeting. Dr. Sinclair strongly advocated the latter course. Miss Wilson suggested that Mr. Heywood Johnstone, M.P., took an active part in drawing up the regulations governing the procedure on this point, and it might be well to wait till he was present, to hear what he had to say. Dr. Sinclair thought it unnecessary to wait for the presence of Mr. Heywood Johnstone for the application of a little common sense, but agreed that there was no urgent necessity for revising the procedure at that moment.

Bills submitted by the Secretary were then passed, and cheques for amounts due were signed.

The Secretary then stated that 1,534 applications for admission to the Roll had been received since the last meeting of the Board, and were in order. It was agreed that they should be accepted.

The application of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lying-in Hospital for the approval of its certificate as a qualification under Section II. of the Midwives' Act was granted.

The applications of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, the Clapham Maternity Hospital, and the Aberdeen Maternity Hospital for approval as Institutions for the Training of Midwives under Section C of the Rules were acceded to.

There was considerable discussion as to the application of the newly-formed Maternity Department at Cardiff in connection with the Q.V.J.N.I. for recognition. Dr. Sinclair as a matter of principle objected to the recognition of an institution which did not exist. Miss Paget, seconded by Miss Wilson, proposed that a reply be sent that "the Board will be disposed to favourably consider the application when the institution is in working order."

Miss Paget, in moving the resolution said, as a matter of fact the institution did exist, as the scheme had been before the Council of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and received its sanction. Dr. Sinclair said they had no facts to go upon. All the information they had was essentially mere gossip. Since hearing Miss Paget's explanation he understood why this institution was accorded special consideration and its application brought up in this unofficial way.

Miss Paget said that the information she gave as the official representative on the Board of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute could not be regarded as gossip.

Dr. Sinclair replied there were no representatives of anything on the Board. The Board having been appointed ceased to represent any individual institutions. He represented nothing. He supposed he was not entitled to express an opinion.

Miss Wilson said that when matters connected with institutions which were represented on the Board were under discussion, it was wisdom for the Board to avail itself of their special knowledge.

Ultimately, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter embodying the view expressed in the resolution proposed by Miss Paget, the resolution being withdrawn to meet Dr. Sinclair's objections.

To the recognition of another school Dr. Sinclair objected on the ground that it was unsuitable. He

thought men who ran these small schools did so because they wanted to make friends with the pupils, and so to benefit their own practices in the long run.

Applications for recognition as teachers under Rule C from medical practitioners were then considered.

Dr. Sinclair thought that in connection with these applications certain principles should be laid down:—

(1) No Medical Officer of Health should be recognised, because it was his duty to administer the Act; and (2) Only practitioners holding positions in public institutions under committees should be recognised, not private teachers acting in their own and not the public interest.

Miss Paget proposed that in any doubtful case consideration should be postponed until there was a full meeting of the medical members of the Board. Dr. Sinclair said he regarded the suggestion as a personal slight. He was present as a medical member, and there was a quorum. The Board ought to transact the business before it.

Miss Paget called the attention of the Chairman to Dr. Sinclair's remark, and explained that no insult was intended. The women members had a majority of votes at that Board, and she did not think it right that the recognition or rejection of medical qualifications should rest with them. She should feel the same in the opposite case in a question affecting the interests of midwives. She asked that Dr. Sinclair should withdraw his remark.

The Chairman said he felt sure Dr. Sinclair accepted Miss Paget's explanation.

The applications of the following practitioners for recognition were then sanctioned:—

Mr. Archibald Neville McLellan, M.B., C.M., Glasgow.

Mr. Smallwood Savage, F.R.C.S., Birmingham.

Mr. Nathaniel Henry Turner, M.R.C.S., Birmingham.

Dr. William Henry Whitehouse, D.P.H., Birmingham.

Dr. Thomas Wilson, F.R.C.S., Birmingham.

Dr. Lucy Eleanor Smith, Cork.

Dr. Daniel Joseph O'Connor, Cork.

Mr. Norman Ian Townsend, L.R.C.P., Cork.

Mr. Henry Doyle Brice, M.R.C.S., Chelsea.

Mr. Framji Shapurji Gotla, L.R.C.P., London.

Miss Selina Fox, M.B., Bermondsey.

The remainder were either not accepted or their consideration was postponed pending fuller information.

Other business before the Board was postponed.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for October 27th, and the meeting then terminated.

The Local Government Board for Ireland have for some time been urging on the Guardians of the Claremorris Union the appointment of qualified nurses for the Claremorris and Ballyhaunis Dispensary Districts, but the Guardians have always refused to make such an appointment. At their last meeting the Board directed the attention of the Guardians to a charge of manslaughter against an unqualified midwife for causing in 1900 the death of a woman, and urged the Guardians to consider the representations of the medical officer and ratepayers, and to appoint midwives for the above-named districts. The Guardians decided to take no action.

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