

The history of this woman is instructive to the public who admit nurses to their homes in the most confidential relations. Up to February last she was a nurse at the Teesdale Union Workhouse at Barnard Castle. She then went to stay with a gamekeeper (named Reed) and his wife at Eserick, and from thence went to Micklegate, York, where she stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Bell, accompanying them to the theatre on the evening of May 16th.

The next morning at five o'clock her child was born, but she kept the knowledge from her friends, came down on the 18th, and again accompanied them to the theatre. The following day Mr. Bell's suspicions were aroused, he accused her of having had a child, and sent for the police. The dead body of a male child was discovered wrapped in a cloth, and accused admitted it had been born on the 17th.

The evidence of a medical man showed that he had examined the prisoner and found she had been recently confined. He was also shown the body of a fully-developed male child. His opinion was that the child had had a separate existence, and had died from hæmorrhage caused by neglect at birth. The witness also stated that the police had shown him a tin box, with the prisoner's name on the label, at Mrs. Reed's house, Eserick, at the bottom of which he found the decomposed body of a child, which he thought must have been dead a year.

The prisoner, who gave evidence on her own behalf, admitted having had three illegitimate children before the one which was the subject of the present inquiry. All had died, one at ten days old, one at three months old, and one at four months old. She denied that the child found in the box at Mrs. Reed's was hers.

We hope it will be realised that at the end of twelve months Dorothy Turnbull will be free to seek and obtain work in their houses as a private nurse, and that, at present, there is no means of protecting the public against her.

The Passing Bell.

We regret to announce the death at Fleet, Hampshire, of Miss Louisa Mary Henslow. Miss Henslow, who was seventy-seven years of age at the time of her death, had an interesting nursing career, and in 1871 went to Germany, where she acted as a nurse during the Franco-Prussian War. Subsequently she filled the position of Superintendent of a nursing institution at Cambridge. For the last seventeen years she has retired from active nursing work, and seven years ago met with a serious tricycle accident, since which time she has been an invalid. The number of beautiful wreaths laid on her grave testified to the esteem and affection in which she was held by a large circle of friends.

The Central Midwives' Board.

An adjourned meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held on the 14th inst. at 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, Dr. Champneys being in the chair. The consideration of the scheme of examinations to be held under the Midwives' Act, deferred from the last meeting, was continued, and regulations adopted after prolonged discussion, subject to the scheme being brought up again for final approval.

In relation to the examiners setting the examination questions, a discussion took place, in which it was proposed that the two examiners upon whom devolved the duty of setting the examination questions should be assisted by the Chairman of the Central Midwives' Board. Mr. Parker Young pointed out that on the Board, as at present constituted, they might have the Matron of an institution or a midwife occupying the chair. The proposition of Mr. Parker Young, that the two examiners should be assisted by one of the medical members of the Board, to be appointed for that purpose, was accepted.

The resolution passed at the last meeting that the examinations should be held twice a year, or oftener if necessary, was then reconsidered, as several of the institutions training midwives had expressed a strong wish that examinations should be held by the Board every three months, a course which, it will be remembered, was strongly advocated by Miss Paget at the last meeting.

Dr. Sinclair moved that the examinations should not take place more than twice a year, and objected to facilities being given to women to go in for examination again a few months after being referred.

It was, however, eventually decided, on the motion of Dr. Cullingworth, seconded by Miss Paget, that the resolution passed on June 30th should be altered as follows:—

“That the examinations shall be held four times a year in London and the provinces simultaneously, on the same papers, or more often if necessary.”

Dr. Sinclair, in relation to the question of the recognition of workhouse infirmaries as institutions for the training of midwives, objected on principle to such recognition being accorded. It was not right, he said, to do anything to increase the number of births in workhouses, and this would be the result of turning union infirmaries into training-schools for nurses.

The Board, however, laid down no definite course of action, but will consider each application on its merits.

The Belfast Union Workhouse and the County and City of Cork Lying-in Hospital were then approved for the training of midwives under Section C of the rules.

Other formal business having been transacted, Miss Paget gave notice of a resolution she wished to bring up at the next meeting, that midwives should be required to renew their licence annually.

The Board adjourned to July 21st.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, on the 21st inst. Dr. Champneys presided. The first business taken was the correspondence. A letter was read from the Registrar-General, replying to one from the Board asking that notice of the death of every midwife should be given to the Board. The Chairman pointed out that the matter was one of public importance, and suggested

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