

it has no other object in view than to raise in the eyes of everybody one of the noblest professions a woman can adopt?

(This training school was started a year ago in June, and notwithstanding the rich and influential supporters and committee, and all the refined and charming arrangements for the pupils it attracted only 10 pupils instead of the 24 for whom provision had been made. This will prove what difficulties those who are working for nursing reform and the raising of the profession in France are encountering.

For one thing, perhaps they do not realise that to pay, as well as to bind oneself for five years, is enough to make many of us draw back. The English arrangement of getting a return of services from the pupils is more satisfactory.—E. R. W.)

### A Midwife's Appeal to the High Courts.

Under the Midwives' Act, any midwife who considers herself aggrieved by any decision of the Central Midwives' Board removing her name from the Roll may appeal to the High Court of Justice.

Mrs. Feldmann, a Jewish midwife removed from the Roll last July, has signified her intention of exercising this right and her appeal will probably be heard at an early date.

### Lectures to Midwives under the London County Council.

The lectures to practising midwives (certificated and *bonâ fide*) will be resumed this autumn, and further classes will be formed all over London if a sufficient number of midwives signify their desire to attend.

These lectures are practical, and are delivered by doctors. They are therefore acceptable to both trained and untrained midwives who desire to keep themselves in touch with modern methods. The lectures will also be extremely helpful in explaining fully the requirements of the Midwives' Act, and the rules of the Central Midwives' Board, with which midwives are expected to conform to keep on the roll.

Fee 1s. for the course of 20 lectures. Members may join at any time.

Further particulars will be supplied by Miss Gill, secretary of the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives, Dacre House, Dean Farrar Street, Westminster. Any midwives who signify their wish to attend the classes will be notified of the nearest centre where lectures will be given.

### Practical Points.

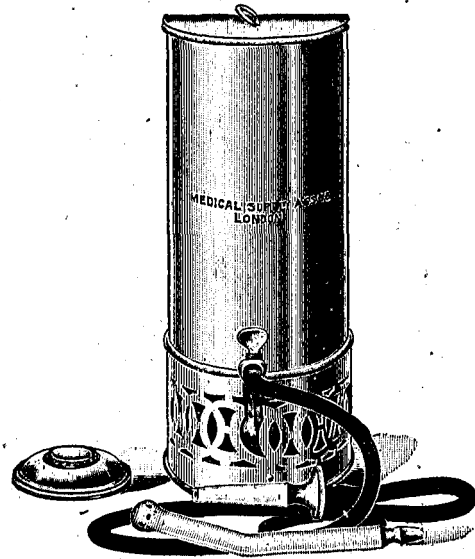
The following formula is given by a contemporary as that of an effective fire extinguisher:—

Common Salt ...	... 20 lbs.
Muriate Ammonia ...	... 10 lbs.
Soft Water ...	... 7 gallons.

Mix, and when thoroughly dissolved, it can be bottled (using a thin glass) and kept in each room to be used in an emergency. In case of a fire occurring one or two bottles should be thrown with force into the burning mass. The gas generated will extinguish the fire. The above materials are very cheap and the compound if promptly used as soon as a fire is discovered, may save many pounds. Keep bottles tightly corked.

Dr. C. St. Aubyn-Farrer,  
A Combined Physician Accoucheur to the  
Vaginal Douche Royal Maternity Charity, West-  
and Steriliser. bourne Park Road, W., by  
whose permission we publish

this note, has designed a most practical combined douche and steriliser which should be of much service



to midwives, who have often considerable difficulty when working in the homes of the poor in obtaining water for a hot douche at short notice, as the only appliances at hand are often not above suspicion as to cleanliness. The douche can, which has been made for Dr. Farrer by the Medical Supply Association, 228, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., is supported on a firm stand and provided with a lamp, so that a supply of hot water can always be quickly obtained. Again, in the event of a surgeon being summoned, if he decides to apply forceps the can is most convenient as a steriliser, and is large enough to sterilise a pair of forceps. When removed from the stand it forms an ordinary douche can. We

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