

desirable class of women. The Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute has unequalled and practical opportunities for observing the working of the rules of the Central Midwives' Board, which, they are able to say, have on the whole worked satisfactorily for the protection of the lying-in woman and the improvement of midwives. The Council, therefore, hope that the Central Midwives' Board will not adopt amendments creating a second standard of training.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

This Committee having considered special rulings of a new cash book and a new petty cash book as suggested by the auditors, recommended that the books prepared as submitted be adopted for keeping the Board's accounts. They also recommended that a summary statement showing the receipts and expenditure of the Board from the commencement of the year be submitted to each Ordinary Meeting of the Board and entered on the minutes. An addition to the Report of the Committee, proposed by Miss Wilson, was referred back so that it might come before the Board as a recommendation from the whole Committee.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee reported letters: (1) from Dr. J. R. Kaye, County Medical Officer of the West Riding, forwarding on behalf of a meeting of County Medical Officers certain suggestions for the amendment of the Rules as revised by the Board: (2) from Dr. H. Handford, County Medical Officer for Notts, suggesting an amendment of Rule E 22. The Committee recommended that these gentlemen be thanked for their letters which would receive the consideration of the Board, and these recommendations were adopted. (3) from Dr. F. J. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, British Medical Association, asking the Board to receive a deputation to discuss certain suggested amendments to the rules. It was ultimately agreed to send a copy of the revised rules to Dr. Smith, and to intimate to him that if after reading the revised rules the Branch still wished for a deputation to be received the Board would be glad to hear from him again.

#### RESOLUTION.

A Resolution standing in the name of Mr. Fordham, who was not present, was moved by Mr. Parker Young, seconded by Sir William Sinclair, and carried in the subjoined form:

"That where an application is made by or on behalf of a midwife whose case has been definitely dealt with after citation, and a hearing by the Board, for the reconsideration of such case, the Secretary do inform the applicant that the Board are not prepared to re-open cases in which they have given formal judgment, and refer the applicant to the Act and to the Rules."

It was incidentally mentioned that the Midwives' Roll is not paying its way.

Miss Alice S. Gregory is Hon. Secretary, not Lady Superintendent of the Home for Mothers and Babies at Wood Street, Woolwich, as stated in our issue last week.

## Our Foreign Letter.

### THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL FOR NURSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1906.



A quarter of a century has now elapsed since the School for Nurses, connected with the Toronto General Hospital, was or-

ganised. It is therefore my privilege to present the Twenty-fifth Annual Report this evening.

Were it possible in the short time allotted to this report to mention some of the important events connected with the history of the school during this long period of years, there would doubtless be much that would prove of interest, not only to those who have watched the progress of this school, but also to those who have been interested in the development of trained nursing in Canada.

It would seem necessary, however, on this important anniversary to mention that, of the 441 nurses who have received their nursing education in this school (this number includes the class who graduate this evening), that 249 are still actively engaged in nursing.

Many of these are employed in hospitals as Superintendents, Matrons, Assistants, Night-Supervisors, Head Nurses, or Operating Room Nurses; about 160 are engaged in private nursing, eight are missionaries, a goodly number are engaged in district work, some are caring for aged parents at home, some are assisting in doctors' offices, three have opened private hospitals, twenty have finished their work in this world, and about 141 have married and have homes of their own.

To return, however, to the work of the past year, it is gratifying to report that the more important changes are, the placing of the school on a purely educational basis, and the extension of our practical training. That is to say, in addition to the nursing experience heretofore afforded in our hospital, the training now includes the care of nervous patients, massage, therapeutic baths, electrical treatment, and two months in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

We are looking forward with earnest desire to the time when it may be possible for our nurses to receive their training in dietetics in the Domestic Science Department of the University of Toronto. The closer relations now existing between the Hospital and University lead us to hope that the time is not far distant when this desire may be realised. Such a course would not only consist in lectures on this very important subject, but laboratory work as well.

During the year there have been 594 applications to enter this school; fifty-three of these were accepted, fifteen proved unsatisfactory during the probationary period and were not admitted as pupils, and six have been dropped from the roll.

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