

that no such corporations as the Universities of England and Wales existed. The propositions were a slight to the Universities, a slight to general practitioners, and were bound to ensure opposition.

Mr. Parker Young regretted that further propositions had been made now. The question of additional representation on the Board had been discussed for two hours in Committee at a meeting, when seven out of the nine members of the Board were present.

Miss Paget said the Committee only considered the suggestions before it, which were very limited.

The nomination of an additional member by the Association of Municipal Corporations was then moved by Dr. Stanley Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Fordham.

The nomination of three additional medical practitioners, representing the conjoint Colleges and the Society of Apothecaries of London was moved by Dr. Atkinson, seconded by Miss Wilson.

Mr. Fordham opposed on the ground that more technical knowledge was not wanted.

Mr. Parker Young thought more technical knowledge was wanted.

Dr. Atkinson then proposed the addition of two persons' appointed for a term of three years by the Incorporated Midwives' Institute.

On the vote being taken on the propositions of the Midwives' Institute, there voted for them Miss Wilson, President of the Institute, Miss Paget, Treasurer, Dr. Stanley Atkinson, its representative on the Board, and Mrs. Latter. Mr. Fordham and Mr. Parker Young voted against the propositions. Sir William Sinclair was not present at the time, and the Chairman did not vote. The propositions were, therefore, adopted, at the recommendation of the Board. The Board then agreed to defer the further consideration of the Report of the Act Amendment Committee, and to proceed to the next business.

It must be noted that the Midwives' Institute, while asking for a considerable increase in the medical representation on the Board, and approving of the representation of County Medical Officers, and the Association of Municipal Corporations, has not suggested the appointment of one midwife. Its suggestions as to medical representation, as we have shown, did not meet with the approval of medical members of the Board, and the neglect of their interests will certainly not commend itself to certified midwives. Adequate representation of medical interests may safely be left to the care of the powerful profession of medicine, but it is almost inconceivable that recommendations coming from a Society composed mainly of midwives should not advocate the appointment of one midwife, or point out that, as an act of justice to the class governed, provision should be made for the representation of midwives on their Governing Body.

#### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

In connection with a letter from the Clerk of the Council transmitting a proposition from the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Manchester that a midwife should be compelled to take

the temperature of the patient on each visit and enter it in a book, which should be open to the inspection of the Medical Officer of Health, Sir William Sinclair gave notice that he would move a Resolution:

"That Local Supervising Authorities be requested to compel midwives to comply with the rules in the matter of taking temperatures."

In connection with an inquiry from Dr. Fram Gotla as to whether a teacher who had instructed a pupil by correspondence only is entitled to sign the certificate of instruction on the pupil's behalf, the Board agreed to the recommendation of the Committee that Dr. Gotla be informed that the terms of the certificate of instruction appeared to preclude this course. It was agreed to grant applications from Helen Entwistle, No. 2293, and Charlotte Budd, No. 12723, for the removal of their names from the Roll on the ground that they had decided to retire from practice. The Secretary was accordingly directed to remove the names of these midwives, and to cancel their certificates.

In connection with the removal of the names of midwives from the Roll, the Chairman explained, in answer to a question from Mr. Fordham, that the present procedure was for the application of a midwife for removal to be endorsed by the Local Supervising Authority.

Mr. Fordham objected to this, as he considered it afforded an opportunity for an over zealous inspector to bring pressure to bear on a midwife who from that official's point of view seemed likely to prove tiresome.

#### THE APRIL EXAMINATION.

The Secretary presented the report of the April Examination, showing that the total number of candidates examined was 286, of which number 236 satisfied the examiners, and 50 failed. The percentage of failures of candidates sent up by hospital training schools and nursing associations was 17 per cent., private tuition 18.5 per cent. Total percentage 17.5. The names of the successful candidates have already been published in this Journal.

### City of London Lying-In Hospital

The City of London Lying-In Hospital, City Road, E.C., of which the new building is to be opened in July next, has been carrying on its good work since 1771. It still can claim the purpose quaintly announced at its inception, that "those for whom this establishment claims pre-eminence are the wives of industrious mechanics, who have brought the arts of England to their present splendour, refinement, and perfection; they are also the wives and widows of soldiers and of seamen, whose personal vigour and inborn native courage have added unsullied glory to our gracious Sovereign's crown, solid union to her people, and unrivalled honour to themselves, and whose valour has saved and defended their country in war and extended its commerce in peace; also the wives of respectable persons who have been visited with misfortune, and have sunk from prosperous stations."

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