

of the Midwives' Defence Association decided in July last to recommend its affiliation with the former body.

I have invariably contended, as a member of the Council of the Midwives' Defence Association, that the Association should be an independent and self-governing body, and have no reason to alter this opinion. It appears to me a fundamental mistake to force a midwife to join the Midwives' Institute in order to secure the privilege of defence. Moreover, many midwives might be entitled to the advantages of a midwives' Defence Association who might not be acceptable members of a Club. Personally, for reasons which appear to me good and sufficient, I have never applied for election as a member of the Midwives' Institute, and do not propose to do so now. I conclude, therefore, that my membership of the Midwives' Defence Association lapses, and in any case must ask you to kindly convey my resignation to the Council. Had the Association continued as an independent society, on lines which commended themselves to me, I would gladly have done what I could to further its success.

I may add that an insuperable objection to absorption in the Midwives' Institute appears to me to be the fact that both the President and Hon. Treasurer of the Institute are members of the Central Midwives' Board, and it is impossible to conceive that if the Midwives' Institute decided to defend a midwife summoned before the Board—a not unlikely contingency—the chief officers of the Society undertaking the defence could bring to the hearing of the case to be tried the judicial impartiality which all concerned have a right to expect of the Central Midwives' Board when holding a Penal Session. My views on this point are, however, too well known to the Council to need elaborating.

I am, Dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,
MARGARET BREAY.

TUBERCULAR INFECTION.

The following facts recorded by the *British Journal of Children's Diseases* should be noted by midwives, who ought to be aware of the dangers attendant upon mouth to mouth aspiration: In a small German town the obstetric practice was divided between two midwives. Within fourteen months ten infants delivered by one of the midwives had died from tubercular meningitis. The other midwife had lost no infants. Both practised mouth-to-mouth aspiration, and blowing into the nose of the new-born children. It was found that the midwife whose babies died was herself a tuberculous subject, and had thus unwittingly infected the little patients.

DONATIONS FOR TRAINING MIDWIVES.

The Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives have received the following donations towards their work of training midwives for the poor:—From the Goldsmiths' Company, £100; from the Grocers' Company, £25; and from the Skinners' Company, £10 10s.

The Central Midwives' Board.

EXAMINATION DECEMBER 11th, 1908.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

B.—Mary Annie Bailey, trained by H. W. R. Bencraft; Emma Bainton, A. L. Smith; Amelia Elizabeth Ball, City of London Lying-in Hospital; Fanny Barnsley, St. Mary's Hospitals, Manchester; Ethel Barstow, East End Mothers' Home; Florence Baynham, Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women; Esther Hope Bell, London Hospital; Katharine Gladys Bellingham, Clapham Maternity Hospital; Mary Benson, London Hospital; Ellen Maria Blake, M. J. Robinson; Rosanna Blizard, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Amy Bounds, C. V. Nicoll; Catherine Alice Bridson, Liverpool Maternity Hospital; Ethel Mary Davida Briggs, London Hospital; Emma Stevens Brown, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Mildred Kate Brown, Queen Charlotte's Hospital; Bessie Butler, Croydon Union Infirmary; Margaret Ada Byerley, Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women.

C.—Charlotte Travers Cazalet, trained at the General Lying-in Hospital; Lena Augusta Chapman, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Gertrude Violet Cheshire, Whitechapel Union Infirmary; Ada Cleary, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Lydia Cleaves, Q.V.J.N.I., Cardiff; Hannah Clemens, East End Mothers' Home; Sarah Elizabeth Cole, East End Mothers' Home; Mary Isabella Cooper, General Lying-in Hospital; Margaret Jane Cormode, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Sarah Ann Cross, City of London Lying-in Hospital.

D.—Ada Marie Daniels, trained at Guy's Institution; Bhagyvati Ganesh Datta, British Lying-in Hospital; Katherina Dautermann, C. St. Aubyn-Farrer; Gwendoline Jane Denison, Queen Charlotte's Hospital; Mary Denyer, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Mary Kathleen Frances Dighton, Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women; Lydia Katharine Douglas, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Rosa Drew, C. Reid and W. G. Gordon; Rose Anne Duffey, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Minnie Dunster, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Louisa Dustow, C. Reid and W. G. Gordon.

E.—Mabel Winifred Edwards, trained by A. L. Smith; Mary McFarlane Ellis, Chester Benevolent Institution; Ellen Mary Essex, City of London Lying-in Hospital; Emily Evans, C. V. Nicoll.

F.—Martha Farmer, trained at the General Lying-in Hospital; Maud Farrall, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Alice Fincher, Military Families' Hospital, Devonport; Jean Niven Finlayson, Rotunda Hospital; Maud Elizabeth Fisher, A. B. Calder; Clara Matilda Flavell, Nottingham Workhouse Infirmary; Mary Anne Flynn, London Hospital; Charlotte Osborne Bower Fowles, Rotunda Hospital; Mary Amelia Eliza Ann Freeman, Maternity Charity, Plaistow; Sarah Elizabeth Frith, Derby Royal Nursing Association.

G.—Ellen Elizabeth Garrard, trained by the Essex County Cottage Nursing Society; Gertrude Maria Gibbings, Queen Charlotte's Hospital; Kathleen Fanny Gilmour, R. E. Bale; Julia Sarah

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