

regret, and the following medical practitioners appointed to succeed them:—Mr. J. D. Barris, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and Dr. Florence E. Willey. Dr. W. H. Cheetham, of Guiseley, was appointed an examiner for the Leeds centre.

The University of Durham, having been requested to recommend the name of an examiner to be appointed by the Board for the Newcastle-on-Tyne centre, Professor Sir Thomas Oliver was appointed to this position.

The Standing Committee reported that, having considered the suggestion made by Mr. C. E. Longmore, Clerk to the Herts County Council, that on the hearing of a charge alleged against a midwife, the Local Supervising Authority should have conduct of the case, it recommended that the Local Supervising Authorities be asked to communicate their views on the subject. Sir George Fordham hoped this would not be done. He thought it would be a great pity to reopen the matter, and that the cases against the midwives should be conducted by the Secretary as heretofore. He had gone into the question with Sir Donald MacAlister, President of the General Medical Council, and their procedure was the same.

The Chairman pointed out that their position was not on all fours with that of the General Medical Council, inasmuch as that Council had nothing answering to the Local Supervising Authorities which made the preliminary inquiries into the facts locally, and decided whether or no there was a *prima-facie* case against the midwife impugned.

Mr. Parker Young pointed out that the resolution did not pledge the Board to more than finding out the feeling of the Local Supervising Authority on the question.

After considerable discussion, the recommendation of the Standing Committee was carried.

When Mr. Longmore appeared before the Board, we understood that the Herts County Council desire that the L.S.A. should be permitted, not required, to conduct the cases under their jurisdiction, and it seems reasonable that if the local authority, which is already in possession of the facts of the case, desires to present them to the Central Midwives' Board, it should be permitted to do so.

#### APPROVAL AS TEACHER.

The following medical practitioners were approved as teachers:—Mr. G. B. Elliott, L.R.C.S.I., L.M.; Dr. Ernest Martyn, Mr. F. M. Newton, M.R.C.S., and Mr. A. O. Way, M.R.C.S.

#### APPROVAL TO SIGN FORMS III. AND IV.

The following midwives were approved for the purpose of signing Forms III. and IV.:—Misses Clara Berry (No. 15518), Margaret Bartlett Clayton (No. 28298), Rose Louise Ledbrook (No. 23380), and Charlotte Elizabeth Lindsey (No. 24582).

#### THE CONGRESS ON ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES.

On the proposition of Sir George Fordham, it was decided that the Board place at the disposal of the British Committee of the Congress on the Administrative Sciences, to be held at Brussels in July, 1910, a set of the publications of the Board.

The next meeting was arranged for February 24th.

#### HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR PUERPERAL CASES.

At the meeting of the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, held on Saturday last, the General Purposes Committee, in reference to letters from the St. Pancras Board of Guardians, and the St. Pancras Borough Council, concerning the provision of hospital accommodation for puerperal septic diseases, recommended that a reply be sent to those bodies that the Managers are of opinion that an inquiry of the nature suggested by them could best be made by the Local Government Board. In the event of that Board deciding to add puerperal fever to the list of infectious diseases for which the Managers are required to provide accommodation, they would be prepared to make arrangements for the reception of certified cases in the hospitals under their control.

#### MORALITY IN RELATION TO HEALTH.

At the Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C., last week, the Hon. Albinia Brodrick spoke to an interested audience on "Morality in Relation to Health," and on Tuesday she spoke at Bristol on the same subject. So the good work goes on, and the light is spread.

### Chellalu.

Do you think that only white babies are attractive?—you who stay at home that is, for those who are personally acquainted with black and brown ones could never make such a mistake—then read about Chellalu, in a charming book, "Lotus Buds," by Miss Amy Wilson-Carmichael, and see if Indian babies are not as winsome as any others.

"Chellalu! Oh you need ten pairs of eyes and ten pairs of hands, and even then you could never be sure you had her"—this was her nurse's earliest description. She was six months old then, she is three and three-quarters now, but she is what she was, only more so.

Before Chellalu had a single tooth she had developed mother-ways, and would comfort distressed babies by thrusting into their open mouths whatever was most convenient. At first this was her own small thumb, which she had once found good herself; but she soon discovered that infants can bite, and after that she offered rattle handles. Later, she used to stagger from one hammock to another and swing them. And often, before she understood the perfect art of balance, she would find herself, to her surprise, on the floor, as the hammock in its rebound knocked her over. She felt this ungrateful of the baby inside, but she seemed to reflect that it was young and knew no better, for she never retaliated, but picked herself up and began again. These hammocks, which are our South Indian cradles, are long strips of white cotton hung from the roof, and they make delightful swings. Chellalu learned this early, and her nurse's life was a burden to her because of the discovery.

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