

Central Midwives' Board for any breach of the rules by her pupil.

A letter was considered from Sir Donald MacAlister, president of the General Medical Council, as to the practice of midwifery by unqualified men, and it was agreed to forward in reply a copy of the Board's resolution of May 26th dealing with this question.

REMOVALS FROM AND ADMISSIONS TO THE ROLL.

Twelve midwives were removed from the Roll at their own request, and 100 names added to it under Rule B 2.

Fifty-eight applications for admission were refused.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

The application for the approval of the Lambeth Union Infirmary as a Training School was granted. Dr. Thomas Evans was approved as a teacher. The following midwives were approved to sign Forms III. and IV. Emily Diana Curtis, No. 23321, Jennie Davidson, No. 2468, Elizabeth Dyson, No. 23516.

It was decided to forward to the Privy Council a memorandum drafted by the Secretary on the Board's objections to certain clauses of the Midwives' Bill, 1910.

July 28th was fixed as the date of the next meeting.

The Training and Supply of Midwives,

At the annual gathering of midwives working in connection with the Association for promoting their training and supply, held by kind invitation of Mrs. Eric Penn at 42, Gloucester Square, Hyde Park, on July 1st, Mrs. Wallace Bruce, who presided, said that the Association has the patronage of the Queen Mother, and Princess Christian also took a deep interest in its work. It was a great pleasure to the members to meet the midwives gathered there, as it was their object to keep in intimate touch with those engaged in such difficult and arduous work.

The Duchess of Montrose, before presenting badges to the midwives who had qualified for them, said that before the passing of the Midwives' Act an enormous number of preventable deaths took place owing to the ignorance of uncertified midwives, but this state of things was being steadily remedied. Her Grace gave an interesting account of the experience of a midwife in the Hebrides. In a shepherd's hut, while in attendance on a case, she counted twenty-four hens and a cat and kittens, in addition to a hen which was sitting on her eggs in a corner of the bed. A smoke fire was in the centre of the room. In this case the nearest doctor was fourteen miles away.

She thought that a longer training in midwifery should be the aim of the Association, and expressed a hope that the Act would soon be extended to Scotland, where it was wanted just as much as in England.

Mrs. Ebdon read the list of the recipients of the badges, the majority of whom were, unfortunately, not able to be present. They were:—

Miss Minnie Dunster, Leckhampton; Miss Edith Ellis, Aintree; Miss Rose Gardner, Berkeley; Miss C. E. Glenn, Potter's Pury; Miss Ada Jellicoe, Hastings; Miss Helen Kitt, Plymouth; Miss Amelia Madgwick (Midhurst); Miss Martha Masters, Hanley; Miss Jane Murray, Candahar Barracks; Miss Florence Reader, Upper Basildon; Miss Matilda Smith, Martock; Miss Emily Wickens, Welford Park; Miss Annie Williams, Beckford. Of these, Miss Jellicoe, Miss Madgwick, and Miss Reader were present, and they received their badges from the Duchess of Montrose.

Miss Lucy Robinson expressed her disappointment that comparatively few of those entitled to receive badges were able to be present, and a brief speech was also made by Lady Beaumont.

At the conclusion of the meeting the midwives were most hospitably entertained, and sat down to a table so loaded with good things that the absentees should have been sent a vote of condolence.

The Union of Midwives.

The Union of Midwives are holding a Concert and Sale of Work on Wednesday, July 27th, at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, London, W. For sale will be found garments suitable for mothers, babies, midwives, and nurses, and the doors will open at 7 p.m. Tickets are free to midwives; 6d. and 1s. to others.

Pupil Midwives and Professional Secrecy.

The Paris correspondent of the *Lancet* reports that at a recent meeting of the Society of Legal Medicine M. Thoinot discussed an interesting case which had arisen at a hospital where there was a school for midwives. An unmarried woman had been delivered of a child in presence of the pupils. When a deserted infant was found soon afterwards suspicion fell on her, and the examining magistrate wished that all the pupil midwives should see the deserted infant so that they might, if possible, recognise it. The medical director of the school protested against this, saying that the pupil midwives were present at the delivery in a medical capacity and that they were therefore bound by the rules of professional secrecy, but the magistrates to whom the matter was referred did not share his view. M. Thoinot then resolved to lay the facts before the Society of Legal Medicine, which was unanimously of opinion that the pupil midwives being cognisant of the circumstances in a medical capacity were bound by the rules of professional secrecy.

Do not use ice or cold water for checking post partum hæmorrhage. Hot water works better, and stimulates the patient, while cold lowers vitality and increases shock.

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