

of St. Michael's Home, Kimberley, Cape Colony, making a similar request with regard to women holding State Midwifery Certificates in South Africa. It was decided that the reply sent should be similar to that sent to the Deputy Registrar of Nurses and Midwives in New Zealand.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE ROLL.

The applications of four midwives for removal from the Roll of Midwives on the ground of old age and ill health were granted, and the Secretary was directed to remove the names and to cancel the certificates.

APPROVAL AS TEACHER.

The applications of Dr. Ernest H. Houlton and Dr. Jessie C. Russell for approval as teachers was granted, and that of Mr. Harry Wood-Hill, M.R.C.S. was granted *pro hac vice*.

APPROVAL TO SIGN FORMS III. AND IV.

The applications of the following midwives for approval to sign forms III. and IV. were granted:— Sybil Escombe (No. 27961), Emily Juniper (No. 23,591), Ada Ethel Whitmee (No. 10459), Mary Annie Ford (No. 25549), Edith Elizabeth Wallis (No. 22873).

ANNUAL REVISION OF APPROVED LISTS.

The Board, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, adopted revised lists of approved institutions, teachers, and midwives.

REVISION OF THE RULES.

The Standing Committee presented a revised edition of the Rules, and recommended the Board to adopt it and to forward it to the Privy Council for approval.

The Chairman, after suggesting two further amendments, moved that the rules be adopted.

Sir George Fordham suggested a number of amendments, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided that the amendments to which the Board had agreed should be inserted in the draft rules and sent round to all the members of the Board.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for April 27th.

Mothers' and Babies' Distress Fund.

We are asked to state that the Union of Midwives has started a Distress Fund for the Mothers and Babies who are suffering so acutely in consequence of the Colliers' Strike in South Wales.

It is impossible to realise, unless on the spot, the intense suffering from hunger, lack of clothing, and cold that is going on amongst mothers and babies in the colliery districts.

The Union of Midwives pleads hard for gifts of money, clothing, or food. These will be at once gratefully acknowledged, and will be sent week by week to the Committee of Ladies at Trealaw, South Wales, who will judiciously distribute these precious donations. The fund will close May 1st.

Nurses, midwives, and others can leave their donations with the President or Secretary of the Union of Midwives, c/o The Glaxo Stall, Annexe B, during the Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition, or they can send direct to the Secretary (Distress

Fund), Offices of the Union of Midwives, 33, Strand, W.C. (next door but one to Charing Cross Station).

The Princess Christian Hammer-smith Day Nursery.

The Committee, in presenting the fifth annual report of this useful institution, specially emphasise the fact that the Nursery is non-sectarian and non-pauperising. Great care is taken in ascertaining that the parent is hard-working and deserving of help, and the child free from contagious disease.

The Matron, Miss M. F. Carvick, states that since the re-opening of the Crèche on August 17th some 50 new cases had been admitted up to December 31st. Of these, a large percentage have been infants under three months of age.

In almost every case the babies have been breast-fed, and with a little persuasion the mothers have consented to come and feed the little ones during their lunch hour. This is a greater act of self-denial than is sometimes realised, for it takes up the greater part of the mother's hour of rest.

Miss Carvick cannot speak too highly of the gratitude shown by the mothers for the benefits their children receive from the Crèche. This is proved both in words and deeds. It has become a common occurrence to hear a half-penny dropped in the donation box as the mother passes out with her little one on a Saturday afternoon.

The efficient care of infants during the early months of life cannot fail to be a subject of great interest to midwives. They may give a child a good start during its first ten days, but often they have the sorrow of seeing the good work minimised or undone by unhygienic conditions of living and feeding, by no means always the mother's fault, for, in the battle of life which presses so hard on the poorer classes, the mother is often compelled to go out to earn, or help to earn, the money which will keep the wolf from the door and the children clothed and fed.

Foods for Young Children.

Among the many forms of food now available for infants and young children, the Food Preparations supplied by Messrs. Alex. Robb and Co., of 79, St. Martin's Lane, London, W.C., merit consideration. "Robbs' Soluble Milk Food is now available in two forms; "No. 1" for babies up to four months, and "No. 2" for infants from 4 to 7 months. For older children the Nursery Food Biscuits are excellent, while "Robbs' Digestive Rusks and "Tops and Bottoms" have won and kept well-merited popularity. We have often referred to "Robbs' Biscuits as being reliable for developing infants, with great success, and can thoroughly recommend them. Full particulars regarding these products may be found in an instructive booklet, which is issued by the firm: "The Problem of Infant Feeding," a copy of which we recommend our readers to obtain.

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