

for a certificate of qualification as a midwife unless—

(a) She satisfies the Committee that she has had a fair general education.

(b) She produces a certificate of birth or baptism or declaration made by a competent person before a Magistrate or Justice of the Peace to the effect that she is twenty-one years of age or over.

(c) She gives at least two satisfactory references, one of which shall be to a lady.

(d) She holds a certificate from a recognized obstetric Institution to the effect—

(1) That she has had six months' experience in nursing women and children.

(2) That she has had six months' training in obstetrical nursing.

(3) That she has attended and watched the progress of not less than thirty labour cases, making abdominal and vaginal examinations during the course of labour and personally delivering the patient.

(4) That she has nursed twenty cases during the lying-in period.

(5) That she has received instructions in the following subjects:—

(a) The elementary anatomy of the female pelvis and generative organs.

(b) Pregnancy and its principal complications, including abortion.

(c) The symptoms, mechanism, course and management of natural labour.

(d) The signs that a labour is abnormal.

(e) Hæmorrhage, its varieties and the treatment of each.

(f) Antiseptics in midwifery and the way to prepare and use them.

(g) The management of the puerperal patient, including the use of the clinical thermometer and of the catheter.

(h) The management (including the feeding) of infants, and the signs of the diseases which may develop during the first ten days.

(i) The duties of the midwife as described in the regulations of the Committee.

(j) Obstetric emergencies, and how the midwife should deal with them until the arrival of a doctor, including some knowledge of the drugs commonly needed in such cases, and of the mode of their administration.

(k) Puerperal fevers, their nature, causes and symptoms.

(l) The disinfection of person, clothing and appliances.

(m) The principles of hygiene as regards the home, food supply and person.

(n) The treatment of children born apparently lifeless.

NOTICE AND FEES.

Candidates for examination shall send notice to the Secretary of the Committee at least three

weeks before the month in which the examination is to be held, accompanied by the certificates mentioned in By-law No. 45 and by a fee of Rs. 15, or, in the event of a candidate having failed to pass on a former occasion, by a fee of Rs. 5. In the event of a candidate being prevented by illness from attending or completing her examination after having paid the required fee and after having been accepted as eligible, she shall be admitted to one subsequent examination without payment of a fee.

PERIOD OF EXAMINATION.

The examination shall be partly oral and practical and partly written, and shall embrace the subjects specified in By-law No. 45.

REJECTION OF CANDIDATES.

Any candidate who during the examination shows a want of acquaintance with the ordinary subjects of elementary education may be rejected on that ground alone.

EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations shall be held half-yearly.

CERTIFICATE.

A candidate who has complied with the regulations and has successfully passed the examinations shall receive a certificate in form X, and her name shall be entered by the Secretary in the Register of Midwives.

REGULATION OF PRACTICE.

All midwives shall strictly comply with the printed regulations for their conduct in the practice of their profession, a copy of which will be supplied to them by the Committee at the time of granting a certificate, and they shall sign a declaration that they will observe and be bound by these and all other regulations of the Committee so far as they are affected thereby, and that, upon failure to comply with any regulation, they shall be liable to have their names removed from the register, and, upon any such removal, they shall return their certificates to the Committee.

DESIGNATION.

The proper designation of a midwife who has obtained a certificate from the Committee shall be: "Certified B.P.N.A. Midwife." No other designation or abbreviation shall be used.

SEX HYGIENE.

Those of our readers who are anxious to keep in touch with what is being done for the prevention of social diseases, might like to know that a little magazine is published quarterly by the Society of Sanitary and Moral Prophylaxis, 29, West 42nd Street, New York City, price \$1 a year. An American Federation for Sex Hygiene is being formed, which will undertake the preparation of suitable text-books for teachers and devise special methods of instruction.

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