

The application of 11 midwives for removal from the roll were considered, and the Secretary was directed to remove the names and cancel the certificates.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION.

Applications for recognition as teachers were approved from Dr. Henry William Martyn Strover and Mr. John Charles Young, M.R.C.S.

Applications for approval to sign Forms III. and IV. were approved from the following certified midwives: Ellen Norris (No. 9781), Annie Talbot (No. 10952), and Dora Beryl Vine (No. 29718).

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

The question of the Secretary's application for an increase in salary was considered. It was referred back to the Standing Committee with a view to considering the amount of increment.

### CORNWALL NURSES AND MIDWIVES.

#### SOCIETIES FORMED AT TRURO.

By invitation of Miss Tait McKay, Cornwall County Superintendent and Inspector of Midwives a meeting was held at Clifton Villa, Truro, to consider how a Midwives' Association and Nurses' Social Union could be formed. About 50 nurses and midwives and others interested were present among whom were the Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Truro (Miss Chaff), Lady Margaret Boscawen, Mrs. Treffry (Penarwyn), Mrs. Wm. Coode (St. Austell), Mrs. Rogers (Burncoose), Miss Stephens (Ashfield, Falmouth), Miss Turpin (Truro), Miss Ludlow, and others. Dr. Burnett (County Medical Officer of Health) presided.

Miss Eden, of Kingston, Taunton, the Central Organizer of the Nurses' Social Union, explained the formation and growth of this Union, and how a branch could be formed in Cornwall.

Mrs. Glanville explained the working of the Midwives' Institute, London, and spoke of the great importance of combination among midwives.

\* Miss du Sautoy, County Superintendent and Inspector of Midwives in Somerset, also explained how the two associations work together in Somerset, and emphasized the great need for midwives to combine, and the importance of their being adequately represented on the County and Local Insurance Committees.

The Chairman, summing up, said how much he was in sympathy with the work of midwives and nurses, and reminded them that unity was strength.

It was proposed by Miss McKay, and seconded by Miss Chaff, that a branch of the Nurses' Social Union and Midwives' Association be formed for Cornwall, and the Chairman declared this resolution unanimously carried.

Officers were appointed as follows:—Midwives' Association—President, Dr. Burnett; Hon. Secretary, Miss Hughes; Representative, Miss McKay. Nurses' Social Union—President, Lady Margaret Boscawen; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Leverton.

#### AN ADMIRABLE SELECTION.

The National Insurance Commissioners for Ireland have invited Miss Ramsden, Lady Superintendent of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, to act on the Advisory Committee as the representative of the Midwives of Ireland. This is an admirable selection, and proves that, in Ireland, the Commissioners intend to avail themselves of expert opinion, in so far as midwives are concerned. We hope they will show the same perspicuity, in reference to trained nurses and their indispensable work, in connection with the Insurance Act.

#### UTERINE HÆMORRHAGE.

Professor Brohead writes in the *Post-Graduate Medical Journal* that "we should go to cases of confinement fully prepared for hemorrhage. If the hemorrhage cannot be stopped by massage of the uterus and the hot douche, the tampon is best. We cannot rely upon ergot alone, for the patient may lose a quart of blood while waiting for the ergot to take effect. Where the patient has lost a pint or more of blood, it is well to use saline enemata, with the addition of a little alcohol."

#### A NEW YORK TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MIDWIVES.

MISS CLARA D. NOYES contributes the following notes of the first training school for midwives in America to the *American Journal of Nursing*:—

"A school has been organised at Bellevue Hospital for the training of midwives. This is entirely separate and distinct from the training school for nurses, although it is under the auspices of the hospital management and the general superintendent of training schools supervises the work. A small hospital, with a house in the rear in which the pupil midwives live, at 223, East 26th Street, has been carefully fitted up and arranged as a teaching centre. There are accommodations for twelve patients in a delightfully bright and airy ward on the second floor, as well as nursery, delivery room, lavatories and linen room. The first floor is reserved for office, examining and class room and a large kitchen and dining-room. The building was opened for the reception of patients August 1st, 1911. The first midwife entered July 27th. There are now ten pupil midwives in training, and in addition to the work in the school, an outpatient service is being developed, the pupils attending cases accompanied by a doctor and a nurse. The course is six months in length, and is organised on the same general principle as a nurses' school. The nursing and the housekeeping instruction are under the direction of a graduate nurse. The medical instruction and medical care of patients is under the direction of a resident physician. Miss Agnes E. Aikman, formerly of the Lying-in Hospital, Boston, is the supervising nurse, with two graduate day and night assistants.

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