

The Midwife.

THE MIDWIVES' RECORD.

The Midwives' Record and Maternity Nurse, edited by Mrs. Edith Robinson, makes its appearance with the New Year, in a fresh guise, enlarged as to size, and published as a fortnightly instead of a monthly paper. With the motto of "Forward," the "young journalistic David goes forth in 1912 to do battle on behalf of the midwives and maternity nurses of the Three Kingdoms against the hydra-headed Goliath of Servility, Apathy, and Ignorance." With the declared aims and policy of our contemporary we are in much sympathy. They are:—"To liberate our calling from an unmerited thralldom to outsiders, to build it up on the sure foundation of legislation which, while protecting the public, will also safeguard our own professional interests, to instil into the minds of all midwives and maternity nurses a growing sense of their own dignity, self-respect, and responsibilities."

THE ABERDEEN DISPENSARY AND MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

We regret to learn that the Aberdeen Dispensary, Maternity Hospital, and Vaccine Institution has to face not only a debt but also an annual deficit. The Institution is doing such excellent work that it would be a calamity if its usefulness were in any way crippled.

A special committee appointed to enquire into the financial position has reported to the adjourned Annual Meeting; it has considered the question in relation to the Dispensary proper, the Maternity Hospital, and the liquidation of the debt, and has stated its unanimous opinion that the Dispensary should be separated from the Maternity Hospital, and with regard to the former it is of opinion that if a charge of 2d. be made for medicines supplied its position would be so improved as to wipe out any annual deficiency.

In regard to the Maternity Hospital an annual sum of about £900 is required (small enough when the work done is considered), but only about £470 is forthcoming from rents, grants and nurses' fees. As the Hospital is of importance in connection with the University for the training of students, it is hoped that financial help may be forthcoming from that body, and that annual grants may be made by the Town Council and charitable trusts. Towards the extinction of the debt, a little over £2,000 has been promised, leaving £2,400 still to be raised.

Lord Provost Maitland said that if the University did not grant a substantial subsidy he did not see how the Maternity Hospital could be continued on its present lines. Let us hope the subsidy will be forthcoming.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

At the Examination of the Central Midwives Board, held in London on December 15th, 1911, as we reported last week, 316 candidates were examined and 254 passed the examiners. The percentage of failure was 19.6.

LONDON.

British Lying-in Hospital.—M. Bourne, A. M. Clisby, D. Davies, E. Hutchinson, S. Sweeney.

City of London Lying-in Hospital.—J. F. Bacon, A. A. Bartlett, D. G. Biddick, M. Bigg-Wither, E. L. Chambers, E. M. Grimbly, A. M. James, L. M. Kilroy, E. Townsend, D. E. Wilkins.

Clapham Maternity Hospital.—E. Berestetsky, C. J. D. Diggle, L. C. Morris, A. W. Philpott, J. Quigley, G. Stevenson, C. L. Wells.

East End Mothers' Home.—S. M. Berry, C. M. Bullock, A. J. C. Dunn, O. Egerton, L. M. Orman, G. H. Riddelsdell, H. Rotherham.

General Lying-in Hospital.—R. Aschmann, M. E. Briggs, G. G. E. Chaplin, A. Fairs, M. Gifford, F. J. Goodman, R. A. Hindley, C. Oakes, E. H. M. Smith, E. Wakely, M. A. C. Woods, E. A. Woollard.

Guy's Institution.—A. M. Browne, J. M. Cruickshank, M. M. Fraser, J. L. Halden, F. B. Lewin, D. M. Shepherd, E. V. Spenceley, A. G. S. Wedderburn.

Kensington Union Infirmary.—M. E. W. Bale, M. H. Stevens.

London Hospital.—A. E. Clark, A. A. Edler, M. Evans, P. R. Lucotte, F. M. Mackrow, A. Martin, R. M. Simmonds, J. G. Webb.

Middlesex Hospital.—C. P. Jessup, J. G. Parkes.
Plaislow Maternity Charity.—L. M. Baldwin, E. L. Brown, E. J. Butterworth, E. Chapman, P. Collings, E. H. E. P. Cox, A. E. Cussens, M. A. Dorling, A. Easthope, S. E. Ellis, S. C. Evans, M. B. James, B. Johnson, E. A. Lane, A. T. Lawrence, M. A. Looney, A. M. Parsons, M. Rumbold, A. E. Smith, M. K. Stephens, N. K. Wilkins, M. A. L. Williams.

Queen Charlotte's Hospital.—I. M. Baker, L. Bruford, M. A. Buxton, L. M. Dickson, M. G. Edwards, I. M. Goodman, H. L. Hitchinson, N. E. Japp, A. M. Kelson, A. S. Lancaster, E. Legge, A. I. Maddick, B. U. Mather, F. Maudsley, G. E. Morris, M. Newbold, M. H. Sanby, D. Saunders, D. D. Shrivell, E. L. Smith, M. A. Storey, B. Tysonbrick, E. U. Vandenberg, H. C. Walker.

"Regions Beyond" Missionary Union.—R. E. Kindred, M. J. O'Neill.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital.—A. Waterman.

St. Marylebone Workhouse Infirmary.—E. M. Waight.

Salvation Army Maternity Hospital.—E. H. Bennett, A. Casement, A. Francis, V. E. Hare,

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