

The Midwife.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL.

By the courtesy of the Matron, Miss Alice Blomfield, we are able to publish the regulations for the Preliminary Training School which is to be opened in connection with Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, London, N.W., next November.

PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Committee of Management have made arrangements whereby those candidates who desire to do so may undergo one month's preliminary training under the supervision of a Sister in Charge before entering upon the ordinary training in the Wards. During this month they will receive such preparation and instruction as will fit them to carry out the important duties which will devolve upon them in the Wards, including lectures in elementary anatomy and physiology, instruction in sickroom cookery, and such details of practical nursing as can be taught before actual attendance on patients and infants.

While in the Preliminary Training School pupils will be required to perform such household duties as will subsequently fall to their share when they are on duty in the Wards. These include sweeping, dusting, &c., but no cleaning of grates or scrubbing.

A separate bedroom at the Nurses' Home is provided for each pupil.

The Committee of Management desire that all candidates shall, if possible, enter for this additional month's (preliminary) training, which will enable them to grasp the work during the succeeding months of their training much more readily, and they urge all pupils to make the most of the special opportunities provided for them in the Preliminary Training School.

Pupil Midwives who decide to enter for the month's preliminary training will join for a total period of six months, the first month of which will be spent in the Preliminary Training School. The fee for the six months will be £40. In the event of a Pupil Midwife leaving during or at the end of the preliminary month, £30 of the fee paid will be returned to her; but the Committee of Management may determine her engagement during or at the end of this preliminary month on the same terms.

Pupil Monthly Nurses who decide to undergo the month's preliminary training will join for a total period of five months, the first month of which will be spent in the Preliminary Training School. The fee for the five months will be £29. In the event of a Pupil Monthly Nurse leaving during or at the end of the preliminary month, £19

of the fee paid will be returned to her; but the Committee of Management may determine her engagement during, or at the end of this preliminary month on the same terms.

This is the first Preliminary Training School to be started in connection with a special hospital, and the experiment will be watched with interest. Every one who has had experience in training midwifery pupils must realise that unless they have had previous training in general nursing, it is most bewildering for the pupils, and unsatisfactory for their teachers, that they should begin their work in the wards before they have an elementary knowledge of anatomy and physiology; and the knowledge acquired in a few short months of preparation for the examination of the Central Midwives Board is likely to be, for the most part, forgotten as soon as it has served a temporary purpose. To devote even a month therefore to acquiring theoretical training in the principles underlying the practice of midwifery must be a gain, and the extension of the course to six months is a step in the right direction. At the same time, we think that only a limited number of pupils will be able to afford to spend £40 on acquiring this training, considering that the prospects for midwives when trained are so poor. Lastly, does not the fact that even the special hospitals are feeling the want of preliminary training for their pupils indicate the need for a Central Preliminary Training School, instead of the more costly plan of each hospital providing preliminary teaching for its pupils?

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

At the Examination of the Central Midwives' Board held in London on August 1st, 280 candidates were examined and 237 passed the examiners. The percentage of failures was 15.4.

LONDON.

British Lying-in Hospital.—M. S. McIlwham.

City of London Lying-in Hospital.—E. E. Boorah, M. F. Bray, F. A. Cooke, M. E. Cooper, E. G. Gibbings, M. A. Searle, A. Steinecke, M. Straker, C. F. Wheeler.

Clapham Maternity Hospital.—O. M. Bailey, M. Devi, C. L. Heckrath, G. M. Swainson, G. E. Tebby, K. S. Vine.

East End Mothers' Home.—P. Cook, M. A. Hardwick, W. G. Palmer, L. E. Spencer.

General Lying-in Hospital.—E. W. Barber, E. Berry, A. Burr, S. K. Clappen, B. Clark, L. J. Davies, E. L. Dowton, T. A. Gooday, H. M. Hayward, L. H. Hazelgrove, M. E. Hirst, R. A. Holden, E. E. F. Ingle, G. L. Ingle, W. Johnson,

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