

Annie Griffiths, who was charged with being under the influence of drink, lost the patient upon whom she was in attendance.

Mary Ann Hammond. The medical man stated that when called to the patient he found her in a moribund condition.

The case of Sarah Linton raised points of great interest. The Medical Officer of Health for East Sussex attended in person. Was she under an obligation to notify the Local Supervising Authority when having been sent for as a midwife, and finding the case one of abortion, and not having examined, she refused to undertake it, but sent for medical assistance? The Board, having heard the case, ruled that she was not, as two persons could not be in charge, and clearly a medical man was. With reference to Dr. Fullerton's remark that the Local Supervising Authority thought she ought to have been removed from the Roll on a previous charge, the chairman said it was not the function of the Local Supervising Authority to tell the Board what they ought to do. "We, and not they, are answerable to the High Court of Justice." He also pointed out that, on the previous charge referred to Dr. Fullerton, had defended the midwife, saying she was a sober, respectable woman who had done her best. The woman's name was removed from the Roll.

Annie Mason. The Inspector of Midwives who was present, said that she prevented the midwife from wiping the child's eyes with a dirty handkerchief moistened with saliva.

Emma Snowling, of Great Yarmouth. The Medical Officer of Health was present and gave evidence in this case. The child in question is now quite blind. In answer to the Chairman, he said there was no Inspector of Midwives for his district, though the two Health Inspectors were both midwives. The chairman said that probably efficient supervision might have saved the sight of this infant, and he would suggest the Medical Officer of Health should persuade the Council to have full supervision and to remember they were the guardians of the children. Judgment being suspended, the Medical Officer of Health asked that the case might be reported as a warning to others.

An infant, in a case attended by Rebecca Webb, lost the sight of one eye.

On Saturday, December 21st, a second special meeting of the Board to consider penal cases, Sir Francis Champneys presiding, was held with the following results:—

STRUCK OFF THE ROLL AND CERTIFICATE
CANCELLED.

Marion Bristow (No. 19,714), Surrey; Sarah Camps (No. 5,277), Lancashire; Maria Cleverly (No. 14,593), Wilts; Hannah Hope (No. 7,196), Cheshire; Mary Ellen Jones (No. 12,464), Cheshire; Eliza Mercer (No. 26,846), Middlesex; Annie Payne (No. 20,574), Birmingham; Margaret Pemberton (No. 15,985), London; Elizabeth Soden (No. 4,925), Birmingham; Ellen Strickland

(No. 31,074), Surrey; Mary Sutton (No. 31,996), Pembrokeshire; Alice Swain (No. 2,984), Manchester; Sarah Ann Tunstall (No. 2,282), Stoke-on-Trent.

SEVERELY CENSURED.

Emma Lange (No. 16,172), Barrow-in-Furness. Report asked for in three and six months' time.

CENSURED.

Lily Jane Reynolds (No. 31,006), Middlesex. Report asked for in three and six months' time.

CAUTIONED.

Jane Cox (No. 933), Wigan; Sarah Ellen Gamble (No. 32,215), Manchester.

CHARGES NOT PROVED. NO ACTION TAKEN.

Matilda Hill (No. 11,912), Manchester.

ADJOURNED.

Emily Ward (No. 29,233), Southampton.

RESTORED TO THE ROLL.

Deborah Blower.

NOTES ON MATERNITY HOSPITALS.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL.

The preliminary training-school of Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital has already justified its existence, although the first class of candidates have only just finished their examination. For the preliminary training here, as elsewhere, has shown the fitness or unfitness of the candidates *before* entering the wards, and so prevents much unnecessary friction, to say nothing of the great advantage to all concerned of the acquirement of the elements of their work before coming into actual contact with their patients. The pity is that there is no *Central* Preliminary Training School which could prepare all pupils and probationers for all hospitals, and so save much unnecessary expense, with far-reaching benefits to all concerned.

THE LAST WORDS FOR 1912.

" Youth asked the lark:
' Why dost thou sing
When clouds are darkling?'
Replied the lark,
' Behind the dark
The light is sparkling!'
Youth begged the Hours
Death not to bring,
Though clouds were lowering.
Replied the Hours,
' In Heaven's bowers
Roses are flowering!'
The dawn is not distant,
The night is not starless,
And Love is Eternal.

Once again I hear, softened by distance, what to me is the sweetest, most weird, and yet the saddest strain of music ever written. At the farthest limit of the parade grounds the bugler is sounding Taps; Lights out, lights out; Fare well; Good-bye.

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