

lecturer told her audience many pretty tales of the charm of the patients, the innate politeness and contentment of themselves and their children. One little fellow of 5 or 6 years old, observing the badge of Union—the familiar green star—being worn by one of the nurses, gallantly kissed her hand, saying "Maçame, je salue trois fois l'étoile des Anglaises."

When the mothers and their families left the Hospital, each individual was supplied with an entire new outfit. We warmly congratulate the Society of Friends, more especially the actual workers, on their splendid work for the mothers of France and the future race.

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### THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

#### EXAMINATION PAPER.

1. What are the signs of (a) threatened abortion; (b) inevitable abortion? Give in detail your management of each before the doctor's arrival.

2. On examination of a woman during the first stage of labour, you find that the cervix, instead of being soft and smooth, is hard and rough; also that your examination is followed by bleeding. On questioning the patient, you find that she has lost blood after sexual intercourse on several occasions. What would you suspect, and what would you do? What would you have advised had you known of the bleeding earlier in pregnancy? Give reasons for your advice.

3. Describe the management of a Breech Presentation with the sacrum pointing to the right side and behind.

What are the chief dangers of a Breech Presentation?

4. Describe carefully your treatment of the cord and of the umbilicus from the moment of birth until the tenth day. What complications may arise if proper care is not taken?

5. Describe your management of the Breasts of a woman (a) after the birth of a dead baby; (b) after the death of the baby on the eighth day.

6. What is Ophthalmia Neonatorum, and what causes it?

What directions does the Central Midwives' Board give to prevent this disease?

#### MEETINGS OF PENAL BOARD.

The next meetings of the Penal Board will be held on Wednesday, May 26th, and Thursday, May 27th, at 11.30. a.m.

### MATERNITY HOUSES.

The Archdeacon of Surrey has given notice of a motion in the session of the Lower House of Convocation of Canterbury, calling attention to the urgent necessity of providing well-managed

maternity houses in which unmarried girls may be received for their confinements, and may be taught the duty of self-control and purity of life.

### ROTUNDA HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

Nurses are well aware that the preparation for the examination of the Central Midwives Board given at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, is of exceptional thoroughness, and the practical experience second to none. The fee for this training is 25 guineas. It is not, however, so well known that a six months' course in gynaecological nursing is also given by the hospital. The fee is 10 guineas, and the experience so gained is invaluable. Full particulars as to both courses may be obtained from the Lady Superintendent.

### BABY TENT WORK.

The question of the reduction of infant mortality is one of great importance to all midwives, as however skilful their work at the time of the delivery it is useless if the babies do not subsequently receive proper care. The work of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago in this connection is therefore of much interest.

In the summer of 1905, we learn from the annual report of this excellent Association, a baby tent hospital was built, equipped, and run for ten weeks by the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, in the heart of a congested Polish district, where the death rate amongst children was highest. The nursing was under the care of the Visiting Nurse Association. 133 sick babies were cared for, of whom but 5 died. 371 visits were made to the homes for purposes of instruction, and "follow-up" care. The experiment was felt to be a success. Fathers and mothers of the children were welcomed at any hour, and much of the prejudice against a far off mysterious hospital was overcome.

### BABIES.

What are little babies for?

Say, say, say!

Are they good-for-nothing things?

Nay, nay, nay!

Can they speak a single word?

Say, say, say!

Can they help their mother sew?

Nay, nay, nay!

Can they walk upon their feet?

Say, say, say!

Can they even hold themselves?

Nay, nay, nay!

What are little babies for?

Say, say, say!

Are they made for us to love?

Yea, yea, yea!

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