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POST GRADUATE WEEK.

Post graduate week at Tthe General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, S.E., is now a well-established and much appreciated annual event-the present week, which began on Monday, May 17th, being the third. A large number of certified midwives registered as members.

MONDAY.

The proceedings began with a reception by the Matron (Miss E. Watkins) and staff, and tea in the hall of the hospital-the weather being too uncertain to permit of its being served in the garden. Sister Olive, as Hon. Secretary, was in much request-and her cap, put on in orthodox York Road fashion, covering all the hair, and its stork, embroidered in blue, on the point at the back, was seen in all directions.

At five o'clock, the business of the week began with an interesting lecture by Dr. Monckton—a former R.M.O.—on the "Toxæmias of Preg-nancy." He divided his subject into toxæmia by

chemical means, and poisoning due to microbes. In the first class he included eclampsia, and the group of illnesses due to the presence in the pregnant uterus of the products of conception; and enumerated the symptoms which should make midwives on the alert. Other diseases in this group were pernicious vomiting and insanity with or after labour.

The most common microbic complications were, he said, caused by the bacillus coli.

TUESDAY.

The first item on the programme for Tuesday was the Clinic in the Ward by the House Physician. Some of the cases chosen were (1) A contracted ricketty pelvis, the mother having been delivered by Cæsarean section; (2) a case of Accidental Hæmorrhage—the method and action of De Ribes' bag in this case and also in that of Placenta Prævia, were explained; (3) a case of septic endometritis, occurring in a Belgian mother. The usual treatment of douches and washing out the uterus, having failed in their effect, the patient was injected with an antiseptic coccus vaccine, which had the immediate effect of permanently reducing the temperature.

The premature twins-a boy and girl-looked very quaint in their knitted bonnets, one of pink and the other blue.

In the afternoon, the post graduates divided into three parties, for the purpose of visiting Queen Charlotte's Hospital, the East End Mothers Home, and the Salvation Army Maternity Hospital at Hackney. At Queen Charlotte's, the party was received most kindly by the Matron, and escorted round the wards by one of the Sisters. Many interesting cases were shown, including Cæsareans and Eclampsia. The centres of interest were, of course, the Belgian mothers—one of whom expressed great satisfaction with her treatment. She had "*beaucoup de soins.*" Another Russian mother and Belgian father—the latter sitting by

his wife and the little babe sleeping in its cotformed a sort of triple alliance. The infants in this hospital have a damask towel folded round the head inside the flannel, as it is considered more cleanly and also prevents the fluff from the flannel from getting into their eyes. The party also visited the Preliminary Training School.

A very interesting afternoon was concluded by a delightful tea, presided over by the Sister-in-Charge.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

APRIL EXAMINATION.

At the examination of the Central Midwives' Board, held in London, Birmingham and Bristol, on April 22nd, 1915, 378 candidates were examined and 309 passed the examiners. The percentage of failures was 18.2.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES. LONDON.

City of London Lying-in Hospital.—A. A. Alderton, R. Barnes, M. G. Bushby, J. C. Clarkson, M. E. L. Cock, A. O. Flamank, E. S. George, L. G. Hards, F. L. Lewis, E. S. Macmillan, C. Oakey, C. L. Pate, E. A. Paul, E. E. Pepper, R. Roper, V. E. Selfe.

Clapham Maternity Hospital.—O. M. Cole, E. V. Eckhard, L. E. P. Harris, M. Hirst, E. Johnson, E. M. Russell, K. S. Waterman.

East End Mothers' Home.—M. L. H. Browne, A. Carter, E. M. Constable, N. M. Ellis, K. M. Feaver, J. A. Hull, M. M. M. Leyne, M. O'Flaherty, E. H. Rankin, L. Watkins, C. D. White.

Edmonton Union Infirmary.—K. R. Smith. General Lying-in Hospital.—E. B. Andrews, E. E. Ashdown, M. Astell, A. E. Atkins, M. E. Atkins, M. C. Daniels, E. Dicker, M. E. Elliot, C. Featherstone, C. S. Gain, E. Green, L. B. Hall, A. M. Henriksen, M. Leatherland, R. Lyons, A. Marlow, L. A. Neal, L. Newton, A. Rhodes, F. A. Russell, M. C. Ryan, O. M. Sutton, M. E. Tacon, M. E. Tarrey, A. Wakeland, M. V. B. Walker.

Guy's Institution .- F. G. K. Brennand, R. A.

MacMahon, F. H. Wade, M. A. Webb. Kensington Union Infirmary.—L. E. Stickland. Lambeth Parish Workhouse.—M. L. J. Gibb, D. Groom.

London Hospital.-B. Carden, A. M. M. Edwards, A. Egan, M. P. Hebborn, L. A. Williams, F. M. Yemm.

Maternity Nursing Association.—A. C. Anderson, S. M. Angel, M. E. Catherwood, F. Durr, P. Hermann, M. D. Lonsdale, R. M. McPherson, M. H. Walsh.

Middlesex Hospital .--- I. Giddings, A. Haythornthwaite.

New Hospital for Women .- M. Slater, L. Turner.

Plaistow Maternity Charity.—M. M. A. Beau-mann, L. M. Bracewell, M. Burton, M. E. Capstaff, A. B. Challen, M. Cherry, E. A. Cooper, L. A.



