

to be signed by two lecturers at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital holding that all certificates in respect of one course should, except as a temporary expedient, in an exceptional case, be signed by one lecturer only. The application of the Gloucester District Nursing Society asking for the approval by the Board of three qualified medical practitioners as lecturers to the Society was granted on condition that each course of lectures was delivered by one lecturer only.

It was decided to answer in the negative a letter from the Lady Superintendent of the Plaistow Maternity Charity, enquiring whether a woman who is quite deaf, but capable of understanding conversation by means of lip-reading is eligible for admission to the Board's examination.

APPLICATIONS.

For Voluntary Removal of Name from the Roll.—Fifteen applications were granted.

For Recognition as Lecturer.—The applications of the following medical practitioners were granted:—Dr. John Booth, Dr. Michael Cagney, F.R.C.P.I., Dr. Isabel Mitchell, Mr. Walter Rahilly, L.R.C.P. and S.I.

The application of Dr. John Ford Anderson was granted pro tem. and of Mr. E. E. Paget-Tomlinson, M.R.C.S., pro hac vice.

For Approval as Trainers.—Midwife J. A. J. Cammann (No. 43023), and Midwife Mary Grant (No. 11197).

THE ROLL.

The price of the Roll for 1917 was fixed at 15s.

REPORT OF PENAL CASES COMMITTEE.

The application of Mary Walker (late No. 5215) for re-instatement was granted.

The next meetings of the Penal Board were fixed for Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19th and 20th, at 11 a.m.

THE EAST END MOTHERS' LYING-IN HOME.

The Annual Meeting of the East End Mothers' Lying-in Home took place at the Home, 396, Commercial Road, on Wednesday April 18th, and was very well attended.

The chair was taken by Dr. Owen Lankester, whose unflinching interest in the Home and unceasing care for the mothers and babies is more marked every year. Dr. Lankester said that the Home had suffered in every possible way on account of the war, and he remarked at some length upon the decrease of the number of Nurses in training. Some women, he said, seemed to think that no special instruction was needed in nursing, that they had only to lift a finger, and comfortable lucrative posts came at once. No employment needed such skill, patience, energy, and such an angelic temper. He felt proud to be the head of such a Home as the East End Mothers' Home, though he only claimed to be the nominal head. Miss Anderson, as every one knows, is the actual head, and it is entirely due to her good manage-

ment, untiring energy, and inspiring personality that the working of the Home goes on so smoothly and successfully year after year.

Mrs. H. B. Irving, in moving a resolution, made a charming appeal for wider financial support in order that the Home may be able to maintain its efficiency and enlarge the sphere of its activity. She asked specially for the removal of the year's deficit of £71 6s. 3d. Nothing is so disheartening as having to carry on a splendid work and to face arrears at the same time. She welcomed the increasing national interest in infant welfare and maternity work as a sign that the well-to-do were learning that we are all members of one great family. It was hurtful to the feelings of womanhood to realise that there were mothers and babies in the world for whom the conditions of a wholesome life did not exist. It would be a splendid thing if the Home could be established on a firm basis. It deserved to be, for there is a great need of such a centre. At the Home twelve years ago, the first Mothers' and Babies' Welcome in Stepney was started. The number of mothers attending increased so tremendously that the Stepney School for Mothers was started by transferring them there. Mrs. Irving also pointed out that nearly 1,800 mothers were attended by the Home during the year 1916, and that the excellent results testified not only to the skill at the time of birth, but to the very efficient ante-natal care and teaching the mothers had received. Besides the visiting in connection with ante-natal work, 22,650 visits were paid by the Nurses.

The Rev. J. F. Stern, in seconding the resolution that the Home should receive wider support, said that what struck him most forcibly about it was the humanity shown by Miss Anderson and her Staff to all poor women in their time of need.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by the Rev. R. P. McAuliffe.

After the meeting, tea was hospitably served, and then many of the guests visited the wards, which looked charming. Particularly noticeable was the fact that the little swing cots at the foot of each bed—each with its snug, soft, white coverlet, with dainty blue border—was just within reach of the mother, instead of out of reach, as is so often the case. Five nationalities, including a solemn little Russian baby, were included in the babies on view. One mother, with bandaged head, had a topical story. She stood so long in a potato queue, that just as she arrived near home, she fainted and injured her head in falling. No cab being available to remove her to the Home, the Matron finally secured the police ambulance, and had a very bad case of hemorrhage on her hands, but all's well that ends well.

Queen Alexandra has graciously accorded her patronage to Mme. Alys Bateman's concert in aid of the Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone Road, which is greatly in need of funds. The concert will take place at Queen's Hall on Tuesday afternoon, May 15th at 2.45.

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