

She saw me looking at it and forestalled anything I might have said. "I am so thankful its got the thrush so lovely. What I say is if you don't 'ave thrush when yo'r'e born you 'ave to 'ave it when you die, and that do seem so hard, so I allus likes *my* babies to get it young."

There are all sorts of other dangers threatening young babies left entirely to ignorant and untrained women. Wherever the trained midwife and nurse goes she carries with her, like the lamp of Florence Nightingale, a message that shines into every home, and chases away the darkness of ignorance, uncleanness, and stupidity.

It is not necessary to say very much about the Maternity Home itself. No words of mine could appeal to you as much as the sight of the tired but smiling mothers lying there enjoying the only holiday that many of them can ever know, with the babies snuggling under their pink and blue woollies. How they must love to be here. An East End mother usually lives in the most depressing and ugly surroundings. The stir and roar of the city is in her ears. She sees nothing of the sky or fields or recurring seasons to make her remember there is such a thing as beauty.

And there is something else—*Never*, morning, evening, noon or night can she get away from the children; cleaning, mending and making for a family of any number goes on all day.

(To be concluded.)

A MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

Lord Rhondda, on Monday last, received an influential deputation, which urged upon him the early establishment of a Ministry of Public Health, at the Local Government Board Office. Lord Rhondda in reply said that the subject was being very seriously considered by the Government. If such a Ministry were not established, as he hoped it might be in the near future, his department would introduce a Bill to provide for the feeding of expectant and nursing mothers, and to provide pure milk for children.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

The Examination of the Board beginning on April 30th last held simultaneously in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and Aberdeen, has just concluded.

117 candidates entered for the examination, of whom the following 101 were successful:—

Edinburgh.—Misses Annie D. Dunlop, Mary E. A. Steven, Margaret F. Chalmers, Jemima Harkins, Jane Macleod, Isabella Ross, Jessie Gauld, Jane A. Laing, Mary McLean Smith, Mrs. Helen Smith, Miss Mary E. Butler, and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Blair.

Glasgow.—Mrs. Christina F. Aitken, Mrs. Mary Ferguson, Misses Annie M. Munro, Marion Macdonald, Mary E. J. Henderson, Martha Sutherland, Jeanie McKechnie, Christina Maclean, Mrs. Agnes Brand, Misses Ada M. Gordon, Mary A. Murray, Christina A. MacIvor, Annie S. Mills, Jessie L.

McKinnon, Agnes W. Graham, Mrs. Jane S. Taylor, Mrs. Elspeth M. Ferguson, Miss Janet B. Crawford, Mrs. Jeanie Smith, Mrs. Annie Baxter, Mrs. Catherine Richards, Misses Catherine McD. Robertson, Mrs. Catherine Tennant, Miss Agnes W. Cochran, Mrs. Jessie Smith, Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mrs. Mary B. Brown, Misses Amelia Hunter, Catherine Whyte, Mrs. Jane B. Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing, Miss Jeanie S. Denholm, Mrs. Catherine Williamson, Mrs. M. Dickson, Mrs. Mary Todd, Mrs. Mary Smith, Miss Catherine B. Stewart, Mrs. Caroline Barr, Miss Janet B. Hogg, Mrs. Janet C. Smith, Misses Flora McArthur, Mary J. MacGregor, Mary Watson, Sarah J. Wilson, Mary W. Martin, Mrs. Annie Coyle, Miss Elizabeth P. McC. Pater-son, Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Misses Janie Sutherland, Helen W. Ferguson, Mrs. Bridget Ward, Misses Isabella McPherson, Elizabeth Couser, Christina Couser, Mrs. Isabella J. Orr, Mrs. Annie Reid, Miss Catherine Lynch, Mrs. Marjory Buchanan, Mrs. Sarah Harvey, Miss Janet M. Jolly, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Jamieson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. H. Dick, Misses Penelope MacMillan, Jane Morrison, Mrs. Jean N. Gray, Misses Margaret K. Boyd, Marion C. Stevenson, Mrs. Annie J. Saunders, Mrs. Agnes S. Strelley, Mrs. Margaret McCahill, Mrs. Janet O. McM. Mann, Mrs. Sarah Connell, Mrs. Mary Curran, Mrs. Mary Winning, Mrs. Margaret H. Moore, Mrs. Margaret Campbell, and Mrs. Charlotte Tannahill.

Dundee.—Misses Margaret D. Whyte, Mary J. Duff, Jessie V. Allison, Catherine P. A. L. R. Stewart, Betsy S. Gibb, Catherine McCalman, and Christina Grigor.

Aberdeen.—Misses Janet Brodie, Jessie L. McKay, Miss Annie Flett, Miss Marguerite B. G. Cheyne, and Mrs. Mary Stobie.

EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following are the questions set in the examination held by the Central Midwives Board for Scotland on April 30th:—

1. What is the most common Presentation, and how would you diagnose it?
2. Define the First Stage of Labour, and name four of the causes of delay in this stage.
3. Describe the management of an infant prematurely born.
4. How would you treat the cord after delivery of the child, and when does it usually separate?
5. What are the signs and symptoms that would lead you to diagnose Albuminuria in pregnancy, and what are the risks following from its presence?
6. In what conditions may a catheter be required during pregnancy, labour, or the puerperium? State in detail how you would prepare and use the instrument.

EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT FOR CANDIDATES FOR EXAMINATION.

At a recent meeting of the Board it was resolved that an extension of time to October 29th, 1917, for admission to examination, should be granted to candidates having a minimum of three months' training of a type approved by the Board and duly signed up for the required 20 cases.

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