

nursing during a period of not less than three months in (a) a Children's Ward, or (b) a Gynaecological ward, either of which are held to include a ward in which new-born babies are received for treatment.

A candidate holding a certificate from a Public Special Hospital for Women of not less than fifty beds is also exempt from two of the six months' training.

The Central Midwives Board for Scotland, in its rules published in 1916, followed along the same lines, substituting, however, for "a general hospital of not less than 100 beds" "a general hospital approved by the Board."

It is probable that eventually the course for trained nurses will be six months, and for those with no previous training twelve months, which is full short for all that has to be learnt.

#### FEES.

When we come to the fees charged to trained nurses we find that they vary very considerably in their relation to those charged to the untrained. For example:—

|                                | 4 months' course<br>for trained Nurses. | 6 months' course<br>for other pupils. |
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| Birmingham Maternity Hosp. . . | £16 16 0                                | £26 5 0                               |
| Dundee Maternity Hospital . .  | £15 15 0                                | £21 0 0                               |
| Glasgow Royal Maternity Hosp.  | £22 0 0                                 | £26 0 0                               |

#### UNIFORM.

In regard to uniform, some hospitals require trained nurses to obtain the uniform of the institution, which seems to be a quite unnecessary expense. A trained nurse has her own uniform, and the special one would not be worn out in four months, or even six.

The Birmingham Maternity Hospital requires untrained pupils to provide themselves with the hospital uniform according to pattern. Trained nurses are permitted to wear the uniform they already have, veils excepted, which are strictly forbidden. This seems a reasonable concession.

We are glad to know that at a recent meeting of Directors of the Glasgow Royal Maternity and Women's Hospital attention was called to the terms upon which pupil nurses were admitted to the hospital, and reference was made to those of other hospitals. The matter was fully discussed, and it was resolved (1) that trained nurses should be allowed to wear their own uniform, but with a badge distinctive of the hospital, and (2) that the matter of fees for a four months' course and six months' course should be remitted to a committee to report.

The Midwives (Ireland) Bill, "To secure the better training of Midwives in Ireland, and to regulate their practice" was presented by Mr. Duke, in the House of Commons, on Monday. It provides for a Board of 13 persons, including 8 Doctors and 1 Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

The examination of the Board, beginning on October 29th last, held simultaneously in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee and Aberdeen, has concluded with the following results:—

Eighty-four candidates entered for the examination, of whom seventy-one were successful.

At the different centres the examinations were conducted by the following examiners:—

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*In Dundee.*—Dr. R. C. Buist (Dundee) and Dr. C. W. Thatcher (Edinburgh).

*In Aberdeen.*—Dr. R. G. M'Kerron (Aberdeen) and Dr. Eneas K. MacKenzie (Tain).

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