

The Midwife.

IDEALS IN THE TEACHING OF MIDWIFERY.

A Conference on the above subject, open to all Midwives teaching pupils midwifery, will be held on May 29th to 31st (inclusive).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH.

Reception by Miss Paget, at the Midwives Institute. 4 to 5 p.m.

Inaugural Lecture on "Methods in the Teaching of Midwifery," Dr. Fairbairn. 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH.

Visits to Guy's Hospital, York Road Lying-in Hospital, or Medical Exhibition, Museums. 9.30 a.m.

Conference, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Suggestions for the Higher and Broader Education of Midwives." Chairman, Sir Francis Champneys.

Papers.

"Ideals in Education of Midwives," Dr. Janet Campbell.

"The Teaching of Ante-Natal Work," Miss Elsie Hall.

"The Teaching of Delicate Subjects," Miss Graham and Miss Walter.

Discussion.

"Is a Special Training for Teachers Desirable?"

Visit to an Infant Welfare Centre (Dr. Eric Pritchard's, Dr. Flora Shepherd's, or Jewish Maternity Clinics). 3 p.m.

Demonstrations of Teaching by London Midwives. 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 31ST.

Lecture on "The Value of Observation in the Management of the Normal and Sick Baby (first ten days)," by Dr. Charles Cameron; followed by discussion. 10 a.m.

Visit to Vincent Square Infants' Hospital. 12 noon.

Clinics at Queen Charlotte's Hospital (Dr. Roberts), or City Road Hospital (Mr. Comyns Berkeley). Afternoon.

Lecture by Mr. Comyns Berkeley, City Road Hospital, on "How to Teach Pupils to Apply Theory to Practice." 4.30 p.m.

Lecture on "The Education of Pupils in Expressing their Knowledge," Dr. Russell Andrews. 6.30 p.m.

Speeches on "The National Need for Practising Midwives," (a) in Urban Areas, Miss Amy Hughes; (b) in Rural Areas, Miss Burnside. Followed by discussion as to how teachers can best assist in supplying this need.

All meetings are to be held at the Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, unless otherwise stated.

Subscriptions for Course: 2s. 6d., to Members of the Midwives' Institute or Affiliated Societies; 5s., to Non-Members.

The Hon. Sec., Miss M. Olive Haydon, will be glad if teachers will make early application for tickets, and state if they would like hospitality and a grant towards travelling expenses.

A FAIR SELECTION.

Under the auspices of the Irish Nurses' Association a conjoint meeting of all the different Midwives' Societies was held on April 22nd at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Miss Carson-Rae, President of the I.N.A., was in the chair, and 16 members attended. Miss Ramsden, Matron, Rotunda Hospital, acted as Hon. Sec. The President stated the purpose for which the meeting had been called, namely to nominate three midwives to sit on the Central Midwives Board, Ireland.

Miss Ramsden read correspondence from Belfast and Cork.

It was decided to nominate: (1) Miss Ramsden, Matron, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin; (2) Miss Kelly, Matron, Maternity Hospital, Belfast; (3) Mrs Blunden, late Matron, Lying-in Hospital, Cork. These names to be sent to the Local Government Board, Ireland, to appoint the candidates nominated according to the wording of the Act.

It was also suggested that the Local Government Board might take into consideration the claims of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses when making their appointment, which is a separate one from the three midwives nominated by the midwives themselves.

IRISH DISTRICT MATERNITY NURSES.

The Mountmellick Guardians, at a recent meeting, considered the application of the Maternity nurses of the Union for an increase of salary. All of them were in receipt of a salary of £25 per annum, with the exception of the one in the Mountmellick district, whose salary was £30.

One Guardian expressed the opinion that they should have the same proportion of a rise as the medical men, they were most deserving of it. One had 25 years' work to her credit, and a servant girl had £20 per annum.

A servant has that salary plus board and lodging, and washing. We believe that the district maternity nurses in Ireland receive their salary as a retaining fee, or subsidy; they keep themselves, and augment their salaries by attending non-Union cases.

It was ultimately resolved to increase the salaries of all the applicants to £40 per annum.

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