

The Midwife.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following are the questions set at the recent examination:—

1. What are the chief constituents of human milk? What changes do they undergo during the passage from the mouth to the rectum?
2. How do you ascertain that the breech is presenting? What difficulties may arise in the course of delivery in such a case?
3. What is Cystitis? How does it arise? How would you recognise it?
4. Describe in detail the management of the third stage of labour, stating the reasons for what you do.
5. Describe the separation of the umbilical cord and your management of it. What complications may arise in connection with this process?
6. Give some of the most important conditions in which you must advise that a doctor be summoned after labour is completed.

A PAGE OF BACK HISTORY.

The following page of back history from *The Observer* of May 31st, 1819, will be of interest to many of our readers:—

THE DUCHESS OF KENT'S ACCOUCHEMENT.

The Duchess of Kent continued her airings in a phaeton, drove by the Duke, in Kensington Gardens, so lately as Thursday se'night; Friday her Royal Highness was slightly indisposed, in which state she continued on Saturday and Sunday. . . . At twelve o'clock the Duke of Sussex's carriage was sent off for Dr. Davis at his residence in George-street, Hanover-square, and the doctor returned in the carriage with all possible speed. Messengers were at the same time dispatched to the members of the Privy Council appointed to attend on this occasion. The Marquis of Lansdowne reached the Palace at a quarter before two o'clock. Mr. Canning arrived next at two o'clock, and the Duke of Wellington came about a quarter-of-an-hour after him. The Duke of Sussex entered from his apartments in the palace about the same time.

The members of the Privy Council sat in the saloon adjoining the Duchess's chamber, where, at a quarter past four o'clock they were satisfied of the delivery of the Duchess of a female child, which was accompanied by the following certificate: "The undersigned do hereby certify that Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent was safely delivered of a female child, living, at a quarter past four o'clock in the morning of the 24th day of May, 1819.—David Davis—J. Wilson, Domestic Physician to their Royal Highnesses."

GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, YORK ROAD, LAMBETH, S.E.

The following is the programme of the seventh annual post-graduate week for midwives, June 23rd to 27th (inclusive), 1919:—

MONDAY, JUNE 23RD.

- 4 p.m. Reception by Matron and Staff. Tea.
- 5 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Fairbairn. "Eclampsia."

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH.

- 11 a.m. Clinic in the Wards, conducted by the House Physician. Demonstration in Lecture Hall.
- 2 p.m. Meet at Hospital. York Road Infants' Clinic, or visit to Queen Charlotte's Hospital or Lewisham Maternity Centre.
- 6 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Mary Scharlieb. "Venereal Disease."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH.

- 11 a.m. Clinic in the Wards on "The Baby," conducted by the Ward Sisters.
- 2.30 p.m. Lecture and Demonstration by Miss Randell, Sister-in-Charge, School of Massage, St. Thomas' Hospital. "The Uses of Physical Exercises and Massage in the Puerperium."
- 5 p.m. Lecture to Pupil Midwives, by Dr. Fairbairn.
- 6 p.m. Clinic on Abnormal Cases, by Dr. Fairbairn.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH.

- 11 a.m. Demonstration in Milk Kitchen on the Preparation of Artificial Feeds, &c., by Sister Coni.
- Demonstration in Lecture Hall on "Nursing Details," by Sister Morley.
- 2 p.m. Meet at Hospital. Visits to City of London Maternity Hospital or Marylebone Infants' Clinic, or Vincent Square Infants' Hospital.
- 6 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Cameron. "The Manifestation of Disease in Infants."

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH.

- 11 a.m. Demonstrations in Milk Kitchen and Lecture Hall.
- 2 p.m. York Road Infants' Clinic.
- 5 p.m. Test paper (optional). Prizes given.
- 7.30 p.m. Lecture at the Midwives' Institute. Tickets, 6d. each.
- Ante-Natal Clinic daily, 9 a.m. Numbers limited.

Subscription for the course, 5s.

Those who wish to join are requested to send in their names as soon as possible to Sister F. R. Mitchell, hon. secretary.

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