

that when the Minister of Health approved the Rules submitted by the Board he did so for a period of one year only, instead of five years, and the inference is that the proposed limitation was in connection with the expected National Register of Nurses.

It will be observed that the Central Midwives' Board has informed the Minister of Health that in reference to the "National Register of Nurses" the necessary alteration in the Rules could be made at any time, without delay; we may, therefore, assume that the Minister of Health has approved the recommendation of the General Medical Council; that "so soon as the General Nursing Councils are in a position to lay down a satisfactory definition of a registered fully-trained nurse that definition should be substituted in the Regulations for the several special definitions now in force," and that the Central Midwives' Board has undertaken that this shall be done.

This is as it should be, and is one of the first fruits of the passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts. The protected title of "Registered Nurse;" should carry with it definite privileges.

FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

The Board, after considering a letter from the Ministry of Health, in connection with its decision not to approve the Lewisham Maternity Home as an institution for training pupils, resolved to adjourn consideration of the matter for further enquiries.

The Board having considered a letter from the Controller of the Training Department of the Ministry of Labour as to the teaching and general training conducted by an Approved Midwife, and the report from the Local Supervising Authority thereon, and also the observations of the midwife in connection therewith, asked Dr. J. S. Fairbairn, and Miss Paget to arrange for the inspection of the midwife in question.

The Board received a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Inspectors of Midwives enclosing a copy of a letter sent by it to the Approved Teachers' Committee of the Midwives' Institute as to the necessity of the instruction of all pupil midwives in keeping the register, and sending in all forms as required by the Rules of the Board.

It was agreed to inform the Hon. Secretary of the above Association that the Board entirely agrees as to the importance of these matters, and that in the new Rule as to the Subjects of Examination, which will come into force on July 1st next, special prominence has been given to them.

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted:—
For approval as Training School.—The Lady Dufferin Hospital, Karachi.

For approval as Lecturer.—Evan Evans, Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S., William Gover, Esq., M.B., and Dr. Eleanor Elizabeth Bourne, D.P.H. *pro tem.*

For approval as Teacher.—Midwives Rosa Cohen (No. 38,544), Julia Guthrie (No. 8,680),

Amy Gertrude Richardson (No. 38,386), Annie Stewart (No. 39,858).

Dr. Reginald Samuel Sherrerd Statham, O.B.E., M.D., and Dr. Alexander Stockes, M.B., F.R.C.S. Edin., were appointed examiners at the Bristol Centre.

The Lady Mabelle Egerton, having asked for the opinion of the Board as to the duty of a midwife in the case of a patient who refused to allow her to comply with all the Rules of the Board applicable to the case, it was resolved that the Board is of opinion that if a patient refuses to allow a midwife to carry out the Rules of the Board for her proper treatment the midwife may rightly advise the patient to place herself in other hands; but that until this can be secured the midwife should do her best for the patient, carefully noting the points in which the patient obstructs her, in case of any untoward results. Any such occurrences should also be reported to the Local Supervising Authority.

ADMISSION TO MIDWIVES' ROLL.

Six Scottish and Irish Midwives were placed on the Roll.

The Board having considered the application of a woman who had been enrolled in Ireland, in consequence of passing the Examination of the Central Midwives' Board for Ireland, that her name be placed on the English Roll, decided that the application be adjourned, and that the applicant be asked to furnish certificates of character from all the Local Supervising Authorities under whom she has worked since the date of her admission to the Irish Roll.

THE NEW RULES.

Every certified midwife should obtain a copy of the New Rules framed by the Central Midwives' Board, under the Midwives' Acts, 1902 and 1918, which came into force on July 1st, and compare them with those under which they have worked for the last five years, so that they may note any differences. They are printed and published by Messrs. Spottiswoode, Ballantyne & Co., Ltd., 1, New Street Square, E.C., price 6d., or 8d. post free.

MOTHER AND CHILD.

When you wail within my arms
Comes to me such limitless
Passion of pity it alarms
Mother wisdom—I could crush,
In my love's divine excess,
What it is my task to hush
With a careful tenderness,
Lest I injure you.

So when years ahead you stand
With some trouble to confess

I must discipline my ruth's
Fond and prodigal excess,
Lest I injure you.

(From "Poems by a Brother and Sister.")

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