

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

Intending candidates for the certificate of the Central Midwives Board are asked to note that they are required to present a certificate signed by an approved person as to having undergone a course of training in midwifery (including antenatal instruction) extending over a period of three, four, five or six months.

The period of training must:

(1) *Not be less than three months* in the case of a candidate who presents a certificate of three years' training in a general hospital Examination Schedule (Form V (a)), together with a certificate (Form V (d)) that she has undergone a course of training during a period of not less than three months in (a) a gynaecological ward, (b) a children's ward in which new-born babies are received for treatment in the General Hospital referred to in Form V (a) and providing systematic instruction in certain subjects required for the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board.

(2) *Not be less than four months* in the case of a candidate who presents a certificate of three years' training as a nurse in a general hospital (Form V (a)) or of three years' training as a nurse in a Poor-Law Institution recognised by the Ministry of Health as being a training school for nurses (Form V (b)) or of enrolment as a Queen's Nurse, or of Registration by the College of Nursing, Ltd. (Form V (c)), or of having undergone a course of three years' instruction in nursing in a Public Special Hospital for Women (Form V (e)).

(3) *Not be less than five months* in the case of a candidate who has undergone a course of six months' instruction in a Children's or a Gynaecological Hospital approved by the Board (Form V (f)); and

(4) *Not be less than six months* in all other cases.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD FOR IRELAND.

The fourth examination of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland was held simultaneously in Dublin, Belfast and Cork on June 30th and July 1st, 1921. One hundred and nine candidates entered, of whom one was unable to attend. Of the remainder, ninety-seven passed satisfactorily.

The List of Successful Candidates includes those from the following hospitals:—

Dublin.—Rotunda Hospital, 20; Coombe Hospital, 15; National Maternity Hospital, 25.

Belfast.—Incorporated Maternity Hospital, 11; Workhouse Hospital, 8; Malone Place Refuge, 1.

Cork.—Maternity Hospital, 7; Lying-in Hospital, 4.

Limerick.—Lying-in Hospital, 3.

Lurgan.—Workhouse Infirmary, 1.

Curragh.—Military Families' Hospital, 1.

Private Tuition.—1.

CHILD WELFARE WEEK AT BURNLEY.

At a meeting held in Burnley recently to inaugurate Welfare Week at the Parker Street Centre, Dr. Holt, Borough Medical Officer of Health, said that in coming immediately to Burnley from the South of England—from perhaps the most salubrious town in the country, Bournemouth—he was struck by the character of the poor little children who seemed to swarm in that immediate neighbourhood. The contrast between them and the children in Bournemouth was a very painful one. It was not so much that they were thinly clad—that was not always a disadvantage. It was not so much that they were not always well washed—that, too, might not always be a disadvantage. But their thin and mis-shapen limbs spoke only too eloquently of the grave disabilities under which they laboured and would labour to the end, and of the great duty that lay very immediately before the authorities in the town. He was glad that a real attempt was now being made, through such a Centre as that, to ensure that what was so evidently wrong should be ultimately put right.

THE LADY FORSTER GUEST HOUSE FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES.

The Guest House for Mothers and Babies at Peak Hill Lodge, Sydenham, organised and maintained by the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare and the Save the Children Fund, which was opened by the Duchess of Albany on July 6th, is available for breast-feeding mothers and their babies (twins if necessary), the wives of unemployed or disabled ex-Service men, who would benefit by good air and food, but are not definitely ill. Guests must have attended a local Infant Welfare Centre at least twice before admission. Applications for admission must be made through the local Medical Officer of Health, or a maternity and child welfare Medical Officer or through a voluntary Infant Welfare Centre.

Guests must pay their own fares to and from the Home, but no charge whatever will be made for their stay there.

The maximum length of each mother's visit will be four weeks, but it would be shortened if the father obtains employment, or if, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of the Home, or of the Matron, the mother is found to be an undesirable guest. Any extension of the visit recommended for health reasons by the Medical Officer of the Home would have to be approved by the Committee.

All applications for admission should be addressed to Miss Reed, Secretary Babies' Homes' Department, National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, 4 and 5, Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1, and *not* to the Home itself.

The House, which is a charming one, has been placed at the disposal of the Committee by Lady Forster.

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