

The Midwife.

THE BRITISH HOSPITAL FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES, WOOLWICH.

Those who have watched with sympathetic interest the foundation, growth and aims of the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich and its Training School for Midwives, are glad that Her Majesty the Queen last week honoured it by opening the new building.

It was a disappointment that Princess Christian, President of the Hospital, was prevented from being present. In Her Royal Highness's absence, the Queen was received by the Countess of Stamford, Vice-President of the Hospital, and Mrs. Nevill Hodgson, Vice-Chairman, the Mayor, the Town Clerk of Woolwich, Miss Alice Gregory, Hon. Secretary of the Hospital, and Mrs. Parnell, the Matron.

There was a short service of dedication, and then came the actual opening ceremony by Her Majesty, with the words "I have great pleasure in declaring this hospital for mothers and babies open," after which a sonnet written by Sir Richard Temple, "The Greeting of the Woolwich Mothers to their Queen," illuminated on vellum, was offered for Her Majesty's acceptance. The presentation of purses which followed was a pretty ceremony, and then the Queen made a tour of inspection of the building and expressed cordial approval of the arrangements.

Before leaving Her Majesty took tea in the Matron's room.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Offices, 1, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, S.W., on Thursday, March 23rd, Sir Francis Champneys, Bart, presiding.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee the applications of the following midwives for approval as teachers were granted:—Midwives Gertrude Louise Burnett (No. 48,282), Alice Maria Moxhey (No. 19,207), Dorothy Rigby (No. 53,384).

FALSIFIED CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH.

The Secretary reported the presentation, by two candidates for examination, of certificates of birth which had been tampered with.

It was decided in one case that the candidate be not admitted to any examination of the Board prior to that of December, 1922, and to admit the other to the forthcoming examination.

ADMISSION TO THE ROLL.

Applications were considered from two Irish midwives to be certified by the Board under Section 10 of the Midwives Act, 1918, by reason of holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland, obtained in virtue of the possession of the Certificate of the Coombe Hospi-

tal, Dublin, obtained after training and examination by that hospital.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee it was resolved:—

That the standard of training undergone by the above women at the Coombe Hospital, Dublin, and the examination at that hospital passed by them, and accepted by the Central Midwives Board for Ireland, being equivalent to the standard adopted by the Board, their names be entered on the Midwives' Roll, and a certificate granted to each of them on payment of the fee of one guinea, in accordance with the terms of the Midwives Act, 1918, Section 10.

The Standing Committee also reported that, in conformity with the Board's Resolution of July 25th, 1918, the Secretary had placed on the Roll the names of two Scottish Midwives, holding a certificate of having passed the examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland.

VOLUNTARY REMOVAL FROM THE ROLL.

The application of three midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll on the grounds of ill-health and old age were granted and the Secretary directed to remove their names from the Roll of Midwives and to cancel their certificates.

REVISION OF LISTS.

The Lists of Examiners and of Lecturers submitted by the Secretary were approved for the year ensuing April 1st, 1922.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee the List of Institutions, Homes and Midwives at which, and under whom pupil nurses may be trained, submitted by the Secretary was approved for the year ensuing April 1st, 1922.

It was decided that one midwife be not re-approved as a teacher of pupil midwives.

PRACTICAL GRATITUDE.

In answer to a letter from the proprietor of the *Sheldand News*, requesting information on behalf of his wife and child, the Matron of "The Mothercraft Training School," London, we are informed, wrote summarising Dr. Truby King's methods and indicating the line of treatment adopted by him. As usual, when these methods are carefully followed, success is ensured and resulted in Mr. Manson offering the Matron one-and-a-half columns weekly in his valuable paper to spread what he rightly considered matter of vital importance for the parents of the Empire. The articles written for this paper have since been published by cordial consent in other Scottish papers, and, we hear, are also to appear in the South African press. Mr. Manson has just cause to pride himself on being the first newspaper proprietor in Great Britain to offer space—and space in a prominent part of his weekly—for matter the importance of which is only too little understood.

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