

The Midwife.

MATERNITY NURSING ASSOCIATION.

A ball is to be held at Claridge's, on November 7, in aid of the Maternity Nursing Association and Infant Welfare, Myddleton Square, E.C., and Oakley Square, N.W. Tickets are obtainable from the Hon. Mrs. Henriques, 107, Onslow Square, S.W. 7 (single, 30s.; or six for £7 10s).

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

At the last meeting of the Central Midwives Board on an interim report Harriet Botting (No. 22334) was struck off the Roll.

RESTORATION.

The name of Helena Kate Robinson was restored to the Roll.

VOLUNTARY REMOVAL FROM ROLL.

Applications of ten certified midwives for removal from the Roll on the grounds of ill-health, old age, and inability to comply with the Rules were granted.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

At a Special Meeting of the Board for the Hearing of Penal Cases, Dr. James Haig Ferguson in the chair, Mrs. Jane Egan, certified midwife, No. 418, 26, Isles Lane, off Hawkhill, Dundee, was cited to appear in respect of failure to notify contact with a person suffering from puerperal fever, thereby endangering the lives of her other patients, and for other breaches of the Rules.

The Board found the charges to be proved and instructed the Secretary to cancel her certificate and to remove her name from the Roll.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR IRELAND.

OCTOBER EXAMINATION.

The Eighth Examination of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland was held simultaneously in Dublin and Belfast on October 17th and 18th, 1922. Fifty-nine entered from Dublin and fifteen from Belfast. Of the seventy-four candidates, three did not attend, eleven failed, and sixty passed satisfactorily.

The following registered medical practitioners acted as Examiners:—Drs. Reginald J. White, Thomas Neill, J. M. Gilmor, Trevor N. Smith, T. S. Holmes, H. J. O'Prey.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

The successful candidates were trained in the following schools:—

Rotunda Hospital, Dublin	19
Coombe Hospital, Dublin	13
National Maternity Hospital, Dublin	18
Incorporated Maternity Hospital, Belfast	9
Dundee Maternity Hospital	1
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EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following are the questions set in the examination of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland on October 17th:—

1. What are the methods of estimating the probable date of confinement of a pregnant woman? How would you know if the foetus is alive or dead?

2. Give a brief account of the following conditions: (a) Icterus neonatorum, (b) Hydatidiform mole, (c) Hyperemesis Gravidarum.

3. What do you understand by a ruptured tubal pregnancy? Describe a typical case.

4. In what cases would you give a vaginal douche; mention three common solutions and give their strengths.

5. Mention the difficulties that may arise in labour, in the third stage, and how you would deal with them.

6. What is usually done to prevent inflammation of the eyes in new-born children?

ROTUNDA HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

The Resident Medical Staff and friends of the Rotunda Hospital are showing their practical sympathy with the movement of the Nursing Staff to start its much-needed Linen Guild.

A successful dance was organized and held in the Rotunda Pillar Room (by the kind permission of Mr. W. Kay), on Thursday, 26th ult., and the proceeds of the dance will substantially help to build up the fund.

The Nurses showed their appreciation by ably looking after the comfort of the guests.

The Rotunda rooms are so admirably adapted for dances, it is hoped to organize another quite soon.

THE NURSE AND THE COMMONWEALTH.

An address on "The Nurse and the Commonwealth" was delivered by Dr. Ewen J. Maclean (Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology, at the Welsh National Medical School) under the auspices of the Monmouthshire Nursing Association, at the Town Hall, Newport, on October 26th, Mr. L. Forestier-Walker, M.P., presiding.

Dr. Maclean congratulated the Association, and said it had accomplished wonderful things during last year. This country was almost the last among civilised nations to move in the matter of the training of midwives and the regulating of their practice. To-day the State, as expressed in the Registration Act, and the local authorities in their multiple health agencies, called for a sound theoretical and practical knowledge on the part of nurses, and it was in the interests of the community that all handicaps to the supply of these demands should be removed.

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