

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

The Examination of the Board held simultaneously in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and Aberdeen, has just concluded with the following results:—

Out of 123 candidates who appeared for the Examination, 113 passed. Of the successful candidates, 28 were trained at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh, 41 at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, 4 at the Maternity Hospital, Aberdeen, 11 at the Maternity Hospital, Dundee, 4 at the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, Edinburgh, 7 at the Cottage Nurses' Training Home, Govan, Glasgow, and the remainder at various recognised institutions.

EXAMINATION PAPER.

1. What bones go to form the False and True Pelvis? Give the measurements of the diameters of the Pelvic inlet and outlet.
2. A woman three months pregnant has some bleeding per vaginam; mention some conditions which might be the cause, and state how you would distinguish between them.
3. Describe the management of a case of post partum hæmorrhage.
4. (a) What is Puerperal Sepsis? (b) What measures should be adopted to prevent the occurrence of this complication? (c) What are a midwife's duties if a case of this nature arises in her practice?
5. How would you deal with the following? (a) Cracked Nipple; (b) secretion in breasts of newly-born child; (c) vomiting and green frothy stools in a bottle-fed baby.
6. What are the duties of the midwife to the patient and child during the lying-in period according to the Rules of the Central Midwives Board?

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD FOR IRELAND

The Ninth Examination of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland was held in Dublin and Cork simultaneously on February 13th and 14th, 1923. Fifty-eight candidates entered from Dublin and 22 from Cork. Three of the candidates did not attend—13 failed to satisfy the examiners and 64 passed satisfactorily.

The following registered medical practitioners acted as examiners:—Drs. Trevor N. Smith, F. W. Doyle, Gerald Tierney, Alice Barry, Walter Rahilly, and Lucy E. Smith.

EXAMINATION PAPER.

1. Describe the changes which occur in the breasts during pregnancy.

2. In writing a report upon the condition of mother and infant on the second day of the puerperium, what points would you lay stress upon?

3. Mention the conditions which may occur during labour and which necessitate sending for medical aid. How would you send for help?

4. What procedure would you adopt in order to diagnose the position and presentation of the foetus in any case? Describe what you would find by each procedure in a breech case.

5. Why are vertex cases so common?

6. What signs and symptoms would lead you to suspect tubal pregnancy, and from what other condition has it to be diagnosed?

CHILD WELFARE IN SIAM.

A chapter is devoted to maternity and child welfare in a report on the department of public health in Siam which, says *Maternity and Child Welfare*, has just been issued by the medical officer, Dr. Khun Prát Rôg. An investigation made in 1917 for the department of commerce and statistics pointed to an infant death-rate of nearly 350, but the actual figures are not available at the present time. The medical officer asks: "Is it not worth while for Siam to insist upon knowing where she stands in this important matter?" The chief causes of unnecessary loss of infant life are put down as ignorance, lack of competent physicians and midwives, and bad traditions of midwifery. Meddlesome interference in labour is said to be rather the rule than the exception. Tetanus appears to be a frequent cause of infant deaths. "Sang," put down as one of the chief causes of infantile deaths, seems to include any wasting disease such as chronic diarrhoea or nutritional disorder due to improper feeding.

THE MILK CONFERENCE.

A full report of the proceedings of the National Milk Conference, held at the Guildhall last October, has been published by the National Clean Milk Society, 3, Bedford Square, W.C., where it can be obtained for 3s. (post free). Its 222 pages contain the complete text of the addresses, papers, and discussions, which covered such questions as the influence of breed and feeding upon milk supply; the diseases of cattle in their relation to milk; the handling and distribution of milk; Pasteurisation; and the food value of milk and its care in the home. The report is virtually an encyclopædia of the milk question in its health aspects.

The Annual General Meeting of the Governors of the Royal Maternity Charity of London was held at the Charities Offices, 38, John Street, Bedford Row, W.C.1 on February 14th.

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