

The Midwife.

ASSOCIATION FOR PROMOTING THE TRAINING AND SUPPLY OF MIDWIVES.

The Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives held their Nineteenth Annual Meeting on March 23rd, at 43, Belgrave Square, S.W.1, by the kind permission of Lady Aberconway, who took the chair.

Lady Aberconway spoke of the valuable work done by the Association and the ever-increasing interest which was taken in its objects. She spoke of the necessity of giving a more comprehensive training to the Parish and District Nurses whereby they could, in emergency, undertake any cases in parts where no medical help was available. Lady Aberconway said the Association had been very successful in urging women to adopt this most valuable profession, and as time went on midwifery would be entirely in the hands of women.

Mrs. Ebdon (Chairman, Executive Committee) gave a brief outline of the work involved during the past year.

There were even more applicants for training than usual; these included many from the North of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and even India and China, which is very encouraging, as it tends to show that the Association is very widely known.

Mr. Leon (Hon. Treasurer), in moving the adoption of the balance sheet, said that compared with the amount of work done by the Association the expenditure was very small. He thanked those subscribers who had so loyally helped the Society during the last twenty years, and appealed earnestly for more subscribers.

Lady Mabelle Egerton spoke of the necessity of making the profession an attractive one; salary was not everything, but the earnest co-operation of the local authorities and their help and support would go far to making the work of the midwife easier and happier. She would have difficulties to face, but care must be taken that any measures brought in will not put added difficulties in her way. The great thing was to get the right women to come forward.

ELEMENTARY LECTURES ON INFANT CARE.

A Course of Elementary Lectures on Infant Care, especially intended for Creche Nurses and Probationers, has again been arranged by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Welfare of Infancy, to be held in the Lecture Hall, Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, W., on Thursdays, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., from April 19th to June 21st. Tickets can be obtained from the above address.

SYLLABUS.

Thursday, April 19th.—Elementary Anatomy and Physiology of the bony, muscular, nervous, circulatory and urinary systems.

Thursday, April 26th.—Elementary Anatomy and Physiology of the digestive system.

Thursday, May 3rd.—Food. Qualitative and quantitative requirements of the body.

Thursday, May 10th.—Milk. Human, Cows and Dried Milk. Patent Foods.

Thursday, May 17th.—Breast Feeding.

Thursday, May 24th.—Artificial Feeding.

Thursday, May 31st.—Weaning and feeding of children up to five years of age.

Thursday, June 7th.—Routine of life for babies and young children. Training.

Thursday, June 14th.—Common digestive disturbances.

Thursday, June 21st.—Common minor ailments of other systems. Common minor accidents.

The lecturer for the whole Course will be Dr. Naomi Tribe, Medical Officer to Hammersmith and Kensington Infant Welfare Centres, and to Shoreditch Day Nursery and Ante-Natal Clinic.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

EXAMINATION PAPER.

Candidates are advised to answer all the questions.

1. Describe the outlet of the bony pelvis and the soft parts which close it.

2. What information in respect of mother and child do you require at your visit on the third day after confinement? How do you obtain this information?

3. How do you recognise that labour has commenced? What are the essential features of each stage?

4. Name the Venereal Diseases. What are the signs of each of these diseases which you should recognise in mother and infant? What is the midwife's duty in such cases under the Rules of the Central Midwives' Board?

5. What conditions in the mother and child render breast-feeding difficult, and how may these difficulties be overcome?

6. What is the importance of albuminuria in pregnancy? What would make you suspect it? How would you recognise it?

The following applications have been granted:—

For Approval as Lecturer.—Dr. Percy Edward Turner (*pro tem.*).

For Approval as Teacher.—Midwives Eliza Bowker (No. 43,002), Helen Hopewell (No. 46,864), Anna Sinclair (No. 8,461), Kate Wells (No. 56,121), and Midwife Catherine Wilkie Wilson (No. 58,707), subject to certain conditions.

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