

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

At the October Examination of the Central Midwives' Board the Candidates examined numbered 603. Those who passed the examiners numbered 464, the percentage of failures being 23.1.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

MIDWIFERY NURSE STRUCK OFF THE ROLL.

At a Special Meeting of the Board for the Hearing of Penal Cases, Dr. James Haig Ferguson in the chair, Mrs. Janet Adam, Certified Midwife, No. 3,182, 9, Fulton's Lane, Kilmarnock, was cited to appear in respect of failure to notify a case of ophthalmia neonatorum, 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.

THE NEW MATERNITY HOSPITAL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On November 24th, Princess Mary will visit Newcastle-on-Tyne to open the new Maternity Hospital, in the Jubilee Road, a situation particularly suited to the needs of the work, as it is in the very heart and centre of the homes of those from which its patients will be drawn. The legend over the entrance, "Because there was no room for them in the Inn," carries back the memory to the urgent need of the provision of help for women "great with child" since close on 2,000 years ago, the Mother of the Saviour of the World brought forth her first born in a stable, and laid him in a manger because there was no room in the Inn.

The present premises of the Maternity Hospital form three sides of a large quadrangle, two of which have been rebuilt, greatly increasing the accommodation.

The old building in New Bridge Street was originally designed for eight patients; before it was vacated it received as many as forty at one time. Those who know the importance of abundance of air space for maternity patients will realise the urgent necessity for the new hospital and for further extension on the fourth side of the quadrangle.

Each nurse will have her own bedroom, groups of eight forming a unit, with complete equipment and accommodation; the quarters of the two resident doctors, six students and forty nurses are all in self-contained sections.

DRIED MILK—ITS MEDICAL ASPECT.

A valuable illustrated booklet having the above heading has been issued by the Glaxo Medical Department, 56, Osnaburgh Street, London, N.W. The object of this booklet is briefly and clearly to demonstrate the advantages of the use of Glaxo in infant feeding when breast feeding is impossible or inadequate, and especially to give a brief outline of the scientific methods which are adopted to ensure the production of an article of the highest bacterial purity and constancy of composition.

The department is to be congratulated upon the clearness with which the story of the successful production of Glaxo is told, demonstrating how, after patient research and experiment, the proprietors of Glaxo succeeded in overcoming the difficulties which had up to that time stood in the way of producing a soluble form of dried full-cream milk. On bacteriological examination this milk was found to be milk in a practically sterile form—the dream of many decades of scientific research.

Even then no extensive advertising was indulged in. The advice and guidance of the medical faculty was sought, and the strictest ethical code followed. The result of a most searching Government investigation on dried milk has vindicated the most sanguine hopes of Glaxo.

The investigation ordered by the Local Government Board in 1914 was carried out under three headings: not only a strict laboratory investigation was made, but also an inquiry as to the nutritive value of dried milks and their use in infant feeding.

This thorough investigation was welcomed by Glaxo, and that its nutritive value was effectively proved is evidenced by the fact that more than 4,000 tons of Glaxo were purchased by the Government during 1917 and 1918.

In the booklet before us the methods of its manufacture are described in detail, and we commend it to the attention of our readers. Many nurses and midwives have proved the value of Glaxo (1) in cases where breast feeding is impossible, (2) as an article of diet for nursing mothers, and (3) in many cases of illness. If they study and assimilate the teaching of this booklet they will be able not only to affirm their belief in the value of Glaxo, but to give sound reasons for the faith that is in them.

THE MATERNITY NURSING ASSOCIATION.

A ball in aid of the Maternity Nursing Association and Infant Welfare Centres, Myddelton Square, E.C., and Oakley Square, N.W., will be held at Claridge's on Wednesday, November 14th.

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