

4. Take work from other men and women by teaching dancing, singing, games for children, "or anything one can get pupils for," and doing typing, and translating foreign letters.

5. Beg from patients such as taking a percentage of a night's takings from Cinema proprietors, "especially if she has nursed one of the family"!

6. Turn scavenger by collecting waste paper, bottles, jars, and tin foil for sale.

7. To do cheap commission work at a penny profit.

8. Add to competing amateurs by teaching First Aid and Home Nursing.

9. To sponge on other hard-working people by begging for stories from literary people, and sketches from artists.

10. Do work which could be done by unemployed—clean bicycles for 6d., and mend other people's stockings.

11. Walk (poor tired feet!) instead of ride and put money saved in collecting box.

12. Pose for "the altogether" by undressing at night by the light of the street lamp, and put the money for gas in collecting box. (Gee! What joy for Peeping Tom!)

13. Divert church alms into the College Fund.

14. Hard-worked female nurses to pay 5 per cent. on all their fees.

And so on *ad infinitum*.

What are the Professional members of the College going to do about this demoralising document? Surely they have never been consulted about it!

The rank and file of nurse members are invited to cadge, pinch and screw whilst the Council of the College spends thousands of pounds a year in office expenses—huge salaries for head officials, and hundreds in first-class travelling expenses at home and abroad.

No need to clean bicycles for sixpence or ring the area bell for waste paper, empty bottles and jars, if less were spent in the support of luxurious bureaucrats.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Dover Royal Victoria Hospital.—Miss Margaret E. Hirst, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the London Homœopathic Hospital, and has been for seven years the Matron of Houldsworth Homœopathic Hospital, Glasgow.

Balfour Hospital, Kirkwall.—Miss Margaret E. Oddie has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Balfour Hospital, Kirkwall, and the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and has held a position of responsibility at the Aberfeldy District Cottage Hospital.

NURSE-MATRON.

Cottage Hospital, Bexley Heath.—Miss Beatrice M. Willey has been appointed Nurse Matron. She was trained at the Alexandra Hospital for Children, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, and at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, N., and has been Home Sister at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, N., and Assistant Matron at the Ransome Sanatorium, Mansfield.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

PENAL CASES.

A Special Meeting of the Central Midwives Board (Sir Francis Champneys, Bart., F.R.C.P., presiding), was held on Wednesday, December 19th, at 10.30 a.m., for the hearing of charges against nine Certified Midwives, with the following results:—

Struck off the Roll and Certificates Cancelled.—Midwives Eliza Davie (No. 31432), Lucy Lake (No. 2519), Barbara Morgan (No. 13142), Winifred Olivia Smith (No. 54158). C.M.B. Examination.

Censured.—Midwife Naomi George (No. 5699).

Sentence postponed (Reports to be asked for from L.S.A. at three and six months).—Midwives Ethel Dibb (No. 49677), C.M.B. Examination; Amy Hiscock (No. 10858), L.O.S. Certificate.

Cautioned.—Midwife Sarah Louisa Parish (No. 37320), C.M.B. Examination.

One case was adjourned.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held on December 20th, Sir Francis Champneys, Bart., F.R.C.P. (Chairman of the Board), presiding. The Board agreed to two suggestions by the Minister of Health, in regard to the revised Rules, subject to which the Minister expressed his willingness to approve them.

The application of Miss Kathleen Vera Bowerbank Coni (No. 46763) for approval as teacher was granted, subject to conditions.

The new Rules of the Central Midwives' Board will come into force on January 1st. On and after that date they may be obtained from Spottiswoode, Ballantyne & Co., Ltd., 1, New Street Square, E.C.4, price 7½d. post free.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

At a meeting of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, Dr. James Haig Ferguson in the chair, Sir Malcolm Smith, K.B.E., was introduced to the meeting and took his seat as representing the convention of Royal Burghs, in place of the late Sir Robert Cranston.

At the same diet for the Hearing of Penal Cases, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lawson, certified midwife No. 2534, 124, Main Street, Wishaw, was charged with being guilty of negligence, various breaches of the rules, and failure to keep register of cases and temperature chart.

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

Favourable reports having been received from the officers of the Local Supervising Authorities in regard to the conduct and practice of a number of midwifery nurses on probation it was resolved to take no further action.

The total amount collected this year towards the Birmingham Hospital Saturday Fund reached £52,887, an increase of £2,529 on the previous year's total. At a meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Fund, Sir David Brooks presiding, it was resolved that, of that total, £22,000 be presented as a free gift to the voluntary hospitals and nursing societies of the city.

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