

firstly, that there were evils associated with the use of these contraceptives which called for restraint; and in the second place, that this was a Bill which was in a very vital sense likely to set forward that object."

Could anyone say, the Archbishop asked in conclusion, that it was justifiable that these things should be hawked in the street, so that any young lad or any girl who passed by might make use of them? Was it justifiable that there should be erected automatic machines in which these things could be bought like cigarettes and sweets?

The Earl of Feversham having announced that the attitude of His Majesty's Government to the Bill was strictly neutral, neither supporting nor opposing it, Lord Dawson, in bringing the Debate to a conclusion, emphasised once more that the Bill only concerned young people. It was the adolescents who were concerned, and he was quite willing to leave that limited, and he thought most important, matter to the judgment of their Lordships' House.

During the Committee Stage on February 27th, amendments were agreed, and Lord Dawson moved that the provisions of the clause on "The Position of Medical Practitioners" should not render unlawful the sale or offer for sale of any contraceptive by a qualified medical practitioner, registered nurse, or certified midwife to a person or to the husband or wife of a person attended professionally.

The amendment was agreed to.

We repeat that neither registered nurses nor midwives should be empowered to sell, or offer for sale, contraceptives.

Lord Dawson deserves the thanks of all who wish the young to be guarded from contamination, and the sanctity of marriage to be preserved. What prospect is there of a high standard of marriage, or of happiness in the married state, for those for whom it has been cheapened and degraded, before wedlock, by the practices disclosed in the House of Lords by the voice of authority?

How can a race of heroes be bred of such parentage?

The present generation owes it to those who sacrificed their lives for their country in the Great War to live "godly, righteous and sober lives," and the present widely prevalent low standard of morality calls for national humiliation.

The whole weight of the influence of the Profession of Nursing should be exercised in support of Lord Dawson's plea for legislation "to restrict the sale, display, and advertisement of contraceptives."

The Bill "Contraceptives" [H.L.] price 1d. net, and the Parliamentary Debates for February 13th, price 6d. net, can be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

EXAMINATION PAPER.

14TH FEBRUARY, 1934. FROM 2 TO 5 P.M.

1. Describe (a) the foetal, (b) the maternal, circulation in the placenta.
2. What is the normal duration of pregnancy and how do you estimate the expected date of delivery?
What observations during pregnancy may assist you in estimating the date, and how may errors arise?
3. Where are the foetal heart sounds best heard in the following presentations:—
 - (a) An anterior position of the vertex?
 - (b) A posterior position of the vertex?
 - (c) A face presentation?
 - (d) A breech presentation?
 What alterations in the foetal heart sounds may occur

during labour and what is the significance of these changes?

4. What are the causes of bleeding from the genital tract in the latter months of pregnancy?

What would you do in any one of these conditions in the event of delay in the arrival of the doctor?

5. What do you mean by "White Asphyxia"?

How would you recognise and treat this condition?

6. A midwife (a) marries (b) changes her address. State fully her duties according to the Rules of the Central Midwives Board in such circumstances:—

- (i) if she is a practising midwife.

- (ii) if she is not a practising midwife.

What may happen to her if she does not observe these duties?

RE-ELECTIONS ON CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

At a Meeting of the Central Midwives Board held on March 1st, the following letters were received:—

(a) A letter from the Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons stating that Mr. Victor Bonney, F.R.C.S., has been re-elected as the representative of the College on the Board for the year commencing April 1st, 1934.

(b) A letter from the Secretary of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing stating that Mrs. Elena Richmond has been reappointed as the representative of the Institute on the Board for the year commencing April 1st, 1934.

(c) A letter from the Executive Secretary of the Society of Medical Officers of Health stating that Dr. J. J. Buchan has been re-elected as the representative of the Society on the Board for the year commencing April 1st, 1934.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY AND FOR THE WELFARE OF INFANCY.

A REFRESHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF MOTHERCRAFT, CARNEGIE HOUSE, 117, PICCADILLY, W.1.
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SYLLABUS.

April 9th.—The Growth and Development of the Normal Child: the difference between good and bad health. By Wilfrid Sheldon, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., L.R.C.P., Physician, Children's Department, King's College Hospital.

April 16th.—The Physical Care of the Child. By Mrs. S. Seekings Friel, M.D., B.S., D.P.H., Medical Officer, Infant Welfare Centre, St. Marylebone.

April 23rd.—The Principles of Dietetics as applied to the feeding of Infants and Toddlers. By Eric Pritchard, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., Medical Director, The Infants' Hospital, Westminster.

April 30th.—The teaching of Good Habits. By Mrs. Muriel Radford, M.B., B.S., Lond., D.P.H., Medical Officer to Princess Road, Kilburn and Violet Melchett, Chelsea, Infant Welfare Centres.

May 7th.—Lecture-demonstration on up-to-date methods of bathing, dressing and handling a baby. By Miss H. Keating, Organiser, Child Welfare Travelling Exhibition of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare.

Tickets are not transferable and should be applied for in advance. They may be obtained from the Secretary, National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, 117, Piccadilly, London, W. 1.

"Not the ruler for me, but the ranker,
the tramp of the road,
The slave with the sack on his shoulder,
pricked on with the goad,
The man with too weighty a burden,
too weary a load."

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