

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

MIDWIFE-TEACHERS' EXAMINATION, JUNE, 1938.  
PART II.

Name.	PASSED.	Post Held.
BEAN, ANNIE	... ..	Sister Tutor, Hull Municipal Maternity Hospital.
CLAYTON, AMY	... ..	Assistant Matron Wakefield City Maternity Hospital.
GLEADHILL, ANNIE ELIZABETH	... ..	Maternity Ward Sister, Smithdown Road Hospital, Liverpool.
*GREAVES, MARGARET HELEN	... ..	Night Sister, Maternity Department, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.
HEPHER, MARY MARGARET	... ..	Sister Tutor, Maternity Department, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.
JOLLIFFE, LILIAN ANNE	... ..	Sister Superintendent, Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End, Stratford, E15.
LEAK, SYLVIA MARY	... ..	Sister-in-charge, Maternity Department, Redhill County Hospital, Edgware.
MCCAUGHEY, MARGARET HALL	... ..	Health Visitor, Wavertree, Liverpool.
ORGAN, IDA BLANCHE	... ..	Labour Ward Sister, Sorrento Maternity Home, Birmingham.
TRUE, LILY	... ..	Senior District Midwife, Gloucester District Nursing Society.
TWISS, ELLEN	... ..	Sister-in-Charge, Lincoln City Maternity Home.
WOLLASTON, GLADYS	... ..	District Sister, Hull Municipal Maternity Hospital.
YEARLING, WINNIFRED MAUD	... ..	Sister, Maternity Department, Plymouth City Hospital.

## EXAMINATION PAPER, AUGUST 1938.

1. Describe the placenta and membranes when delivered at term. How would you examine them and what abnormalities would you look for?

2. What is meant by the first stage of labour?

Describe your management of an uncomplicated first stage of labour in a primigravida, including the instruction and advice you would give her.

3. A patient has had a severe post-partum hæmorrhage. The hæmorrhage has been controlled. A doctor cannot be obtained. Describe in detail the measures you would take to resuscitate the patient.

4. What conditions endangering the life and health of the mother are preceded by albuminuria of pregnancy?

How would you care for a pregnant woman to lessen these dangers?

5. Define the meaning of each of the following terms:—

Abortion (miscarriage);

Stillbirth;

Neo-natal death.

What are the appropriate authorities, if any, to be notified by a midwife if these occur in her practice?

6. What is ophthalmia neonatorum?

What measures may assist in preventing its occurrence?

## MIDWIFERY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In the House of Commons on the third reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill, a debate took place on the health

services. In the review by Mr. Elliot, the Minister of Health, he touched on Housing Progress, value of private enterprise, the slum clearance programme, smoke pollution, air raid casualties, survey of Hospital accommodation and the new rules for midwives. Of the latter he remarked:

"The Central Midwives Board had made rules embodying important alterations in training which would come into force by stages beginning in the autumn. In the future trained nurses would undergo a year's training instead of six months and other potential midwives two years instead of one year. Practising midwives would be required to take post-certificate courses at least once every seven years to ensure that contact with modern theory and practice was maintained. By the payment of increased grants in aid of training it was hoped that the supply of fully qualified practising midwives would be stimulated.

"There was no single measure which would do more to improve the health, development, and resistance to disease of the rising generation than an increased consumption of safe milk, especially by mothers, children, and adolescents."

## "CONFIDENCE TRICK ON MOTHERS."

Dr. Edith Summerskill said that 45 women died every week in childbirth. According to the latest report, 35 per cent. were due to the lack or failure of ante-natal care or error of judgment. She regretted that her own profession did not face up to the important fact that inexpert midwifery was a major factor. Since she qualified in 1924 she had become very much aware that education in obstetrics was not what it should be. She was qualified in midwifery simply by being in a room where 20 confinements were conducted and she never went near the bed or touched the patient. The position was deplorable. She was lucky in having a father who was a general practitioner to give her expert tuition at home. She admitted that she was like most students, trying to do as little work as possible. But she was signed up and qualified to conduct confinements without ever having conducted one in the hospital. She felt it her duty to expose these things, and in doing so she was representing the mothers of the country and not the medical profession. If a student had not adequate instruction he should not be allowed to go out and attend confinements, because it was a kind of confidence trick played on the mothers of the country.

## BLINDNESS.

## APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, has appointed an Advisory Committee on Blindness, including its prevention and treatment. The Committee will carry on the work hitherto performed by the Standing Committee on the Prevention of Blindness of the Union of Counties Associations for the Blind, which has ceased to exist.

## WORD FOR THE MONTH.

## PEACE IS TO BE EARNED—

"The union achieved must be maintained. The voluntary discipline of which the French people gave such a moving and remarkable spectacle is indispensable to the discharge of our daily tasks. For, if war is not inevitable, peace is not necessarily assured to those who do nothing to achieve it. Peace is to be earned. Peace is to be built up. Peace is to be defended. It is not the result of *laissez-allier*, not the result of a miracle. If I do not believe war to be inevitable, it is because I believe in the effectiveness of human effort, human reason, and human energy."

M. DALADIER, *Prime Minister, France.*

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