

Lambert, Margery Ethel, acting deputy superintendent midwife Guy's Hospital.

Marsh, Irene, labour ward and theatre sister, Liverpool Maternity Hospital.

Murphy, Sarah Elizabeth, superintendent midwife and approved teacher, Clatterbridge County Hospital.

Richards, Mary, assistant superintendent, Shropshire County Nursing Association.

Steel, Evelyn, tutor and approved teacher, Jessop Hospital, Sheffield.

Steward, Ada Ellen, midwifery sister, City of London Maternity Hospital.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH TRAINING GRANTS FOR MIDWIFE TEACHERS.

To help in the training of midwives the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, announces that Government Scholarships are to be granted next year to assist midwives with the necessary qualifications to take a whole-time course of preparation for the Midwife Teachers' Diploma.

The scholarships consist of an allowance of £65 towards fees, maintenance and expenses, payable throughout training.

Mr. Bevan is asking employing authorities to tell midwives in their service about the scheme.

Scholarship candidates must comply with requirements of the Central Midwives Board and must not be in receipt of other financial assistance. They will be required to undertake to give at least 2 years' service in Great Britain in the instruction of pupil midwives after qualification.

The Royal College of Midwives intend to run a four months' non-residential course in London beginning early next year, and while this will not be limited to scholarship holders, up to 15 scholarships may be awarded for it.

Applications for admission to this course must be made before October 11th.

Application forms for admission to the Royal College course and for the award of a scholarship may be obtained from either the Central Midwives Board, 73, Great Peter Street, London, S.W.1, or the Royal College of Midwives, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1, or the Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London, S.W.1. Further particulars about the scholarships can be obtained from the Ministry of Health.

NEARLY 13,000 MIDWIVES SEND VIEWS TO WORKING PARTY.

Replies awaited from 7,000 more

Nearly 13,000 midwives out of the 20,000 who received questionnaires from the Midwifery Working Party in August have so far replied. But the Working Party is now appealing to the remainder to answer before the end of the month.

Midwives, whether still practising or not, are being asked to give facts and views for the guidance of the Working Party who, at the request of the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland, are inquiring into the recruiting, training and present shortage of midwives. Frank replies are being sought. Midwives are asked to give reasons for any dissatisfaction they may feel and any difficulties they are meeting. They are also asked to state if they are practising in town or country; in hospital or in the homes of the mothers.

Two sets of questionnaires were sent out: 17,500 went to midwives who notified their intention to practise in 1944, with a follow-up reminder; and 11,887 (68 per cent.) have replied. Another 2,880 went to midwives who qualified in 1946, with no reminder; 1,031 have replied (35.6 per cent.).

In an appeal sent to all those in both groups who have not yet answered, the Working Party emphasise that they need the help even of those midwives who are no longer practising.

It is important to get all replies in before the end of this month so that the big task of analysing them can begin. All the answers will be tabulated on machines so that there is complete anonymity.

CHRISTMAS IS APPROACHING.

It is our pleasure once again to draw the attention of our readers to the Christmas cards and calendars prepared by the Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland, by which the Association hopes to raise a substantial amount of money, as we learn that funds are desperately needed if they are to continue to maintain the only medical and social service that exists in this northern outpost of the British Empire in the face of the ever increasing cost of labour and supplies.

Two large cards, in beautiful colouring, entitled, "Christmas Eve in Labrador," and "Winter Travel," together with envelopes can be supplied at 1s. each.

A jolly little card in French grey with a miniature figure in white with magenta outlines, two large huskies, and a sleigh-load of parcels, can be obtained for the price of 10d. each, entitled "Christmas Morning."

Another card in magenta with a picture of huskies and their attendants entitled "Labrador Huskies," is priced at 9d. each.

Little calendars for 1948 in blue or red can be obtained for 3d. each.

Also in stock are some of the cards we have had pleasure in describing in other years, so we do hope that through this Journal, as on previous occasions, material help may flow to this organisation, in which nurses and doctors serving with the Grenfell Mission in the little-known sub-arctic country of Northern Newfoundland and Labrador rarely fail to answer an S.O.S. however hard the "going," by dog team in winter or by boat in summer.

Cards and calendars may be obtained from the Secretary, Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Ireland, 66 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

WORD FOR THE MONTH.

Liberty will not descend to a people; a people must raise themselves to liberty. It is a blessing that must be earned before it can be enjoyed.—C. C. Colton.

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