

WHAT TO READ.

MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

- "From Rock to Tower." Kathleen Nugent Hicks.
 "Normandy to the Baltic." Field Marshal the Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O.

FICTION.

- "Our Dreaming Done." Ruby Ferguson.
 "The Shop on the King's Road." B. Ifor Evans.
 "So Well Remembered." James Hilton.
 "The Wind Cannot Read." Richard Mason.
 "The Drinking Well." Neil M. Gunn.
 "The Rich Woman." Anne Meredith.
 "The Return to the Farm." Robert Henry.
 "This Side of Innocence." Taylor Caldwell.
 "Peace Breaks Out." Angela Thirkell.
 "Dangling Man." Saul Bellow.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- "Exmoor Village." W. J. Turner.
 "Historian's Holiday." Arthur Bryant.

A FAMILIAR NOTE

"I hope you are not frozen up! the cold here is dreadful. I do not remember such a series of North-Pole days. England might really have taken a slide up into the arctic zone; the sky looks like ice; the earth is frozen; the wind is as keen as a two-edged blade."

Is the preceding passage taken from a letter written last week-end? No—it is extracted from a letter by Charlotte Brontë to her friend Mrs. Gaskell on December 15th, 1846, from the Parsonage at Haworth.—*The Manchester Guardian*, Tuesday, February 25th, 1947.

TWO "WANDER" PREPARATIONS.

Both nurse and patient are able to share the health-giving benefits of delicious "Ovaltine." To the nurse it is that valuable stand-by which helps to maintain her own strength, fitness and cheerfulness throughout an arduous round of duty. To the patient it provides valuable restorative and revitalising food elements which assist so much in the work of recovery.

"Ovaltine" is a scientific concentration of Nature's best foods—malt, milk and eggs—presented in a balanced and easily digestible form. It is readily acceptable and assimilable even where the digestive system is weak or impaired. Because of its special properties "Ovaltine" is the food beverage most widely used in Hospitals and Nursing Homes throughout the world.

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The necessity for careful choice of toilet soap is more evident to-day than it has ever been.

Wright's Coal Tar Soap, with its rich lather, contains an antiseptic which leaves the skin in a fresh, soothed and health-protected condition. This safeguard is Liquor Carbonis Detergens, a distinctive preparation acknowledged by eminent dermatologists as the foremost antiseptic, anti-pruritic for skin diseases.

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THE MIDWIFE

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

The following questions were set to candidates entering for the Central Midwives Board First Examination on February 12th, 1947.

The candidates were advised to attempt to answer all the questions:

1. Describe how you conduct the third stage of a normal labour, and give reasons for your actions. Mention any rules of the Central Midwives Board concerning this stage of labour.
2. What is the puerperium? What is secondary post-partum hæmorrhage? State its causes and treatment.
3. What is meant by the pre-eclamptic state? Describe a patient in this condition and the manner in which she should be treated and nursed.
4. Describe the normal placenta at term, and give its functions. What placental abnormalities do you know?
5. Discuss the causes and treatment of jaundice of the baby in the neonatal period.
6. What micro organisms can cause puerperal infection? How may these different organisms reach the genital tract?

PAYMENT OF PART-TIME MIDWIVES.

Supplementary Recommendations of the Midwives Salaries Committee.

The Midwives Salaries Committee have now informed the Minister of Health that they have given the matter of payment of midwives, giving part-time service only, further consideration, and they now recommend that a midwife who performs part-time duties only, in a hospital, institution or maternity home, should be paid as follows:—

(a) If employed for not more than 30 hours per week, the midwife should be paid at a rate 12½ per cent. in excess of the mean of the non-resident salary scale for the grade (including the appropriate living-out allowance). The payment should be for hours worked *pro rata* to a 48-hour week, which for the purpose of this recommendation is regarded as full-time service. This gives typical hourly rates as follows:—Midwifery Sister, S.C.M., and S.R.N., or R.S.C.N., 3s. per hour; Midwifery Sister, S.C.M. only, 2s. 10d. per hour; Staff Midwife, S.C.M., and S.R.N., or R.S.C.N., 2s. 3d. per hour; Staff Midwife, S.C.M. only, 2s. 1d. per hour.

(b) If regularly employed for not more than 30 hours per week but required on occasion, to work for a few hours in excess of 30, the midwife should be paid for the first 30 hours on the basis of (a) above, but for the hours in excess of 30 she should be paid on the same basis without the 12½ per cent. loading. This gives typical hourly rates as follows:—

Midwifery Sister, S.C.M., and S.R.N., or R.S.C.N., 2s. 8d.; Midwifery Sister, S.C.M. only, 2s. 6d.; Staff Midwife, S.C.M., and S.R.N., or R.S.C.N., 2s.; Staff Midwife, S.C.M. only, 1s. 11d.

(c) If regularly employed for more than 30 hours per week, the midwife should be paid *pro rata*, on the (non-resident) salary scale recommended by the Committee for the grade, a week of 48 hours again being regarded as whole-time duty. In determining the point of entry into the scale, the employing authority should take account of the midwife's previous continuous service in the grade, as in the case of whole-time employees.

The Committee have further recommended that employing authorities shall supply free meals whilst on duty for all part-time staff, covered by the above recommendation, shall provide uniform and launder it free of charge, and shall provide free transport where necessary. Questions of payment during holidays and sickness remain matters within the discretion of the employing authority.

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