

and child welfare authorities ;" shall be deleted and there shall be substituted therefor the words

"National Health Service Act, 1946.  
National Insurance Act, 1946 : types of benefit.  
National Assistance Act, 1948."

(3) In part (c) (5) of the said Schedule, the words "The care of destitute children by Public Assistance Authorities" shall be deleted and there shall be substituted therefor the words "The Children Act, 1948."

(4) In part (c) (6) of the said Schedule, the words "voluntary hospitals, the hospital almoners" shall be deleted.

R. J. FENNEY, *Secretary.*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The amendments to the existing Rules of the Central Midwives Board are necessitated by the coming into operation of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the National Insurance Act, 1946, the National Assistance Act, 1948 and the Children Act, 1948.

QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING.

The following report on midwifery cases attended by the Queen's Nurses and Village and other Nurse Midwives employed by County and District Nursing Associations affiliated to the Queen's Institute shows the results for the year ended December 31st, 1947.

The maternal mortality rate of .74 per 1,000 total births is the lowest ever recorded and pays great tribute to the care and skill of the midwives, who, although fewer in number, attended more cases than in the previous year.

Of the 71 maternal deaths recorded in this report, 46 occurred in hospital, 18 of these being classified under the "accidents of labour," a term which includes ante- and post-partum haemorrhage, obstetric shock, heart failure, etc.

It is again pointed out that these figures include every expectant mother booked with the midwife and that each case is followed to the end, whether the patient continues to be attended by the midwife as such, or for reasons of abnormality is transferred to the care of a doctor or to hospital. The figures given in this report, therefore, include all such cases.

Number of cases attended (no doctor engaged for the confinement), 95,627 (an increase of 9,779 on 1946 figures).

Total number of midwives, 4,152, of which 1,707 were Queen's Nurses (an increase of 24) and 2,445 were Village and other Nurse Midwives (a decrease of 45).

Of the patients attended, 24,534 were primiparae (25.26 per cent.).

The number of maternal deaths was 71, a maternal mortality rate of .74 per thousand.

ANALYSIS OF MATERNAL DEATH RATES.

	Per 1,000 live births.				Total maternal mortality.
	Puerperal sepsis.	Other puerperal causes.	Total puerperal mortality.	Non- puerperal causes.	
1945	.11	1.16	1.27	.07	1.34
1946	.04	.78	.82	.02	.84
1947	.04	.64	.68	.07	.75

  

	Per 1,000 total births.			
	Puerperal sepsis.	Other puerperal causes.	Total puerperal mortality.	Non- puerperal causes.
1945	.11	1.13	1.24	.07
1946	.03	.77	.80	.02
1947	.03	.64	.67	.07

Number of times Medical Aid sent for :—

For mother, 31,773 (32.6 per cent.): that is during pregnancy 6,981 (7.3 per cent.), during labour 21,527 (22.1 per cent.), and during puerperium 3,225 (3.2 per cent.). For infant, 5,833 (6 per cent.).

Number of forceps cases : 3,441 (3.6 per cent.).

Causes of the 71 Maternal Deaths :—

		Per total maternal deaths.		Per 1,000 births.	
		1947	1946	1947	1946
		%	%		
Sepsis	... 3 cases	4.2	4.2	.03	.03
Accidents of labour	... 31 "	43.6	42.25	.33	.35
Eclampsia	... 11 "	15.5	12.7	.11	.10
Embolism	... 11 "	15.5	14.1	.11	.12
Complications	... 8 "	11.3	23.9	.09	.20
Non- puerperal	... 7 "	9.9	2.8	.07	.02

MATERNITY NURSING.

Number of cases attended (doctor engaged, midwife acting as maternity nurse), 46,113 (an increase of 3,482 on 1946 figures).

Number of maternal deaths: 33 (.71 per thousand). Four deaths (12.1 per cent.) were due to miscarriage. These being doctors' cases, the details were not verified.

THE LAST WORD FOR 1948.

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*William Lloyd Garrison.*

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