

and was informed, after communication with the Commissioners, that vaccines were not to be supplied to panel patients. Payment in Kent was *pro rata*. I do not dispense for the panel.

In October, 1917, I told a patient he could not get vaccines on the panel, but advised him to apply direct to his club (Foresters), giving him a letter fully stating his case. Again a direct refusal was received.

Comment is needless.—I am, etc.,

Windlesham, July 31st.

G. BAYNTON FORGE.

BROKEN SLEEP.

SIR,—Dr. Guthrie Rankin, in his paper on this subject (July 27th, p. 77), says, *inter alia*: "Electricity is said to be sometimes useful as a sedative agent, but its effects are uncertain, and may prove to be exciting rather than soothing." From considerable personal experience I have no hesitation in saying that the reverse is the case. Before mobilization, nearly four years ago, I treated in Glasgow during the previous fourteen years numerous cases of insomnia *per se* by means of high-frequency currents with scarcely a failure, and, when sleeplessness formed one of a group of symptoms in cases of neurasthenia, the good influence of these currents was most marked in restoring sleep.

The sleep produced differs materially from that obtained from drugs. It is a refreshing sleep; digestion is not upset, nor is an evil habit acquired. I have never seen any "exciting effects" from the application of high-frequency current, and these should never occur if the treatment is in skilled and qualified hands.—I am, etc.,

W. F. SOMERVILLE,
Lieut.-Colonel R.A.M.C.(T.).

1st Eastern General Hospital,
Cambridge, July 23th.

THE TRAVELLING MEDICAL BOARD.

SIR,—Called up on July 27th for examination and told to be punctual, I presented myself at the time fixed. Very little foresight was shown in the arrangements, and a good deal of valuable time was lost. My complaint, however, is that, stripped stark naked, I was fully exposed to the gaze of a clerk of perhaps sixteen years of age. To this I strongly object, as do others. An extra screen would have saved what I regard as an indignity to a man of my years. I hope that by this protest others may be spared what I regard as an unnecessary and degrading exposure.—I am, etc.,

G. P. NEWBOLT, F.R.C.S. Eng.,
Senior Surgeon, Royal Southern Hospital,
Liverpool.

August 3rd.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

Relations of Medical Practitioners and Midwives.

At the monthly meeting held on July 25th, when Sir Francis Champneys was in the chair, a letter was considered from the Medical Officer of Health for the county of Durham, asking:

(a) Whether any objection can be raised to a registered medical practitioner employing a certified midwife to attend his midwifery cases, the midwife being paid a fixed salary for her attendance, including the collecting the fees due to her employer and paying them over to him.

(b) Whether, in such a case, the midwife is bound to continue her attendance on the patient for ten days after the confinement, or can she hand over the conduct of the case during the lying-in period to her employer.

(c) What action should be taken by a county council desirous of appointing a subsidized midwife in a district not adequately provided with trained midwives, where the local medical practitioners object to her appointment unless they receive a guarantee for the payment by the county council of their fees when called in on the advice of the midwife, whether the patient can afford to pay the fee or not.

It was decided to reply as follows:

(a) That there is no objection to such an arrangement.

(b) That under the circumstances specified the midwife is bound to attend for the period of ten days after the labour.

(c) That as the county council subsidizes the midwife, it ought to hold itself responsible for the payment of the doctor when required.

Reciprocity with Scotland.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, to come into effect if and when Clause 10 of the Midwives Bill, 1918, became law:

- That having regard to the equivalent value of the standards of training and examination required by the Central Midwives Board for Scotland and by this board, it be an instruction to the secretary to admit to the Roll of Midwives, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of Section 10 of the Midwives Act, 1918, any woman holding the certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland in virtue of having passed the examination of that body, and to report his action to the board.
- That in the case of a woman applying to be certified under Section 10 of the Midwives Act, 1918, by reason of any qualification other than that of holding the certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland in virtue of having passed the examination of that body, the secretary do report thereon for such action to be taken as the board may deem expedient.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

At a meeting of the Senate on July 31st a resolution was adopted expressing the gratification with which it had learnt of the proposals made by the authorities of University College Hospital for co-operation with other hospitals and for the admission of women to their medical school as from October 1st next.

Examiners.—The following were reappointed to act as examiners for the second examination for medical degrees: Part II, for internal and external students in the session 1918-19—Anatomy: Professor J. E. S. Frazer (St. Mary's Hospital Medical School), together with the external examiner, Professor R. W. Reid (Chairman). Pharmacology: Dr. E. Mellanby (King's College for Women), Chairman, together with the external examiner, Dr. H. J. Campbell. Physiology: Dr. J. Mellanby (St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School), together with the external examiner, Professor D. N. Paton (Chairman).

The following were appointed to act as additional examiners (Part II, for internal and external students) at any examination held in the session 1918-19 at which the number of candidates exceeds seventy. Anatomy: Professor T. W. Jones (London School of Medicine for Women), together with the additional external examiner (Mr. A. Macphail). Pharmacology: Mr. P. P. Laidlaw (Guy's Hospital Medical School), together with the additional external examiner (Dr. F. Ransom). Physiology: Dr. F. A. Bainbridge (St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School), together with the additional external examiner (Professor E. H. Starling).

Chairmen of Committees.—The following chairmen of committees of the Senate have been elected for 1918-19:—Council for External Students: Dr. S. Russell Walls. Committee of Medical Members: Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, K.C.V.O., M.S.

Parliamentary Register.—Any graduate who is not at present on the register of parliamentary electors for the University, and who desires to be placed thereon, is required to make a claim and to pay a fee of £1. Application for the form of claim should be marked "Parliamentary Register," and addressed to the Vice-Chancellor at the University.

CONJOINT BOARD IN ENGLAND.

THE diplomas of L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S. have been conferred upon the following candidates who have passed the final examination in medicine, surgery, and midwifery of the Conjoint Examining Board:

A. Abel-on, J. F. Adams, Kaiku Ardeshir Anklesaria, B. F. W. Armitage, C. H. Backus, Annie H. Banks, *F. G. Banting, G. Blurton, M. V. Boucaud, M. C. Breese, J. D. Byrd, F. Cavens, E. A. Clegg, A. W. Cocking, Kathleen M. Cogan, T. Colley, N. C. Cooper, C. C. H. Cuff, Pares Chandra Datta, E. S. Davies, S. R. E. Davies, T. M. Davies, F. S. Drew, C. B. Dyon, A. Eidinow, Saad El Din Ahmed El Daab, F. K. Escrib, Lucie Gainsford, Shanassar Galstaun Galstaun, E. S. Gayne, C. Gill-Carey, S. V. Goldhurst, L. Handy, F. T. Harrington, G. G. Havers, W. A. Hawes, S. N. Hayes, W. E. Heath, W. S. Herman, T. C. Higgins, C. P. Hines, J. Joffe, A. K. I. Jones, *E. Ek Dun Lau, A. S. Lawson, N. H. Little, A. W. Lloyd-Davies, G. B. Lowe, Edith M. P. Morris, K. Mullen, R. A. Olphert, Irene G. Parsons, B. J. Perkins, G. F. Peters, Mary M. Prior, P. G. Quinton, †Constance A. Randall, C. G. J. Rayner, Frances E. Rendel, N. Bumboll, J. A. P. Scott, A. G. M. Severn, W. H. Simmons, B. L. Slater, V. A. T. Spong, G. S. Swan, A. D. Symons, M. S. Thomson, †Agnes E. Towers, †Elsie M. Visick, Yik Shing Wan, J. Whittingdale, V. D. Wyborn.

* Diploma of M.R.C.S. conferred on July 11th, 1918.

† Under the Medical Act, 1876.

CONJOINT BOARD IN SCOTLAND.

THE following candidates, having passed the final examination, have been admitted L.R.C.P.E., L.R.C.S.E., L.R.F.P. and S.G.:

J. K. C. Megahy, H. G. Anderson, A. I. Meek, W. H. Duff, R. J. Patchett, Mahmoud Abdel Kadar Mofrah, G. H. T. N. Clarke, J. L. West, L. W. Nott, J. Bowd, H. Lyth, S. G. Evans, J. J. Niekerk, A. P. M'Leod.