

ENGLISH MIDWIVES.

The London correspondent of the *Philadelphia Medical Times*, in a recent issue, writes that it is calculated that there are ten thousand midwives practising in Great Britain, and that from 30 to 60 per cent. of the women in many rural places and manufacturing towns are delivered by midwives, many of whom are very ignorant. A great excess of mortality among lying-in women is the result. A deputation of the Parliamentary Committee of the British Medical Association has waited upon the President of the Local Government Board, on the subject of establishing an examining and public register of trained midwives.

A PHYSICIAN'S DIARY OF BUSINESS.

A pocket diary has been picked up in the street, and now is in the finder's possession, awaiting its owner. From the following extracts, it appears the loser was a Medical man:—

"Kase 230, Mary An Perkins. Bisnes; wash-woman. Sikness in her hed. Fisik sum blue pills a soaperifik; age 52. Ped me one dollar, 1 kwarter bogus. Mind get good kwarter and mak her tak mo fisik.

"Kase 231, Tummes Krinks, Bisnes, Nirishman. Lives with Pady Molouny whot keeps a dray—Sikness, digg in ribs and tow blak eys. Fisik to drink my mixer twict a day of sasiperily here and jellop, and fi-h ile, with asifidety to make it taste fisiky. Rubed his face with kart grese liniment, aged 39 years of age. Drinked the mixer and wuddnt pay me bekase it tasted nasty, but the mixer'll work his innards, I reckon.

"Kase 232, Old Misses Boggs. Aint got no bisnes, but plenty of money. Siknes awl a humbug. Gav her sum of my celebrated 'Dipseflorikon' which she sed drank like cold tee—wich it was too. Must pi sumthink in it to mak her feel sik and bad. The Old Wommen has got the roks."—*The Sanitarian*.

URETHRAL SUPPOSITORIES IN GONORRHOEA AND STRICTURE.

Henry E. Woodbury, M.D., Washington, D.C. (*Phil. Med. Times*, May 3, 1873), uses successfully in the treatment of gonorrhœa and stricture the following remedial agents: Tannin, persulphate of iron, nitrate of silver, and morphia. He considers nitrate of silver and morphia the most efficient from his experience in about twenty cases. The grounds upon which he advocates the use of suppositories in these diseases are as follows: By their use in gonorrhœa the remedy is kept longer in contact with the unduly active mucous membrane than by any other method; while in stricture their lubricating qualities exercise a soothing effect upon the irritated surface, and prevent too rapid healing of the parts.

GORDENIO.

Wm. Gordenio was the first person upon whom the degree of Doctor of Medicine was bestowed. He received it from the college at Osti in 1320.

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TO OUR READERS.

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