

# The Midwife.

## THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

### MIDWIFE-TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION. PART II, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1945.

#### LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

- Archer, Elizabeth Gladys.—Maternity night sister, Guy's Hospital.
- Arkell, Hilda Kate.—Midwifery sister, Redhill County Hospital, Edgware.
- Battle, Phyllis Joan.—Midwifery sister, Farnborough County Hospital.
- Billing, Kathleen Mary.—Labour ward sister, University College Hospital.
- Boniface, Doris Nellie Ivy.—Midwifery out-patients' sister, Salvation Army Mothers' Hospital.
- Bunce, Mary Elizabeth Florence.—Staff midwife, City of London Maternity Hospital.
- Candlin, Dora Maude Clifton.—Staff midwife, The Middlesex Hospital.
- Casstles, Ida Lepper.—Departmental sister tutor and approved teacher, St. Mary, Islington, Hospital.
- Chivers, Muriel Irene.—Maternity ward sister, Fulham Borough Maternity Home.
- Dale, Beatrice Mary.—Labour ward sister (night), Halifax General Hospital.
- Darwin, Joan Mary.—District sister, Watford Maternity Home.
- Day, Dorothy May.—Sister-in-charge, Guildford Maternity Home.
- Entwistle, Elizabeth.—Midwifery sister, St. Mary's Hospitals, Manchester.
- Finney, Ada Katharine Stanley.—Matron, Baptist Union Home for Unmarried Mothers, Yateley, late tutor sister, Plaistow Maternity Hospital.
- George, Bertha Eileen.—Departmental midwifery sister and temporarily approved teacher, Oldchurch County Hospital, Romford.
- Guy, Lily Marion.—Midwifery sister, General Lying-in Hospital.
- Hawkins, Doris Muriel.—Ward sister, St. Thomas's Maternity Unit, Woking.
- Hinchley, Joan.—Nursing sister, Mount Alvernia, Guildford, late Maternity ward sister, Birmingham maternity Hospital.
- Hogan, Elizabeth Ellen.—Assistant matron, Bank Hall Maternity Hospital, Burnley.
- James, Helen Daphne Gwendolen.—Domiciliary staff midwife, Maternity Nursing Association.
- Le Manquais, Margaret Mary.—Municipal midwife, Borough of Luton.
- McCluskey, Eileen.—Assistant superintendent, Slough District Nursing Association.
- Millican, Alma Mary Louise.—Superintendent midwife and tutor, and approved teacher, Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale.
- Race, Beatrice Alice.—Sister tutor, Birmingham City Maternity Home, Handsworth.
- Sherwood, Kathleen Mary.—Assistant matron, High Chase Maternity Home, North Chingford, late midwifery sister, City of London Maternity Hospital.
- Sleep, Daisy Winifred.—Staff midwife, Royal Northern Hospital.
- Spear, Gladys Mary.—Staff midwife, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital District Association.
- Stiles, Margaret Ellen Tyler.—Midwifery sister, General Lying-in Hospital.

Thomson, Margaret Euphemia.—Departmental midwifery sister tutor and approved teacher, Bangor County Hospital.

Tobin, Elizabeth.—Deputy superintendent midwife, Central Middlesex County Hospital.

Watson, Rita.—Assistant superintendent, Worcester County Nursing Association.

Whatley, Elizabeth Gladys.—Midwifery sister, General Lying-in Hospital.

### BIRTH-RATE FALLS—BUT FEWER BABIES DIE.

During the June quarter of last year the birth-rate for England and Wales showed a decline compared with the same period in 1944. But infant deaths were fewer than the average of the 10 preceding quarters.

The Registrar-General's Return of Births, Deaths and Marriages registered in the quarter ended June 30th, which was issued recently, records a birth-rate of 16.6 per thousand of the population compared with 18.9 in last year's second quarter. In the five years prior to 1944 the average rate for this period was 15.9.

There were 175,319 births registered. Of these, 90,609 were boys, giving a proportion of 1,070 boys to 1,000 girls. The average for the 10 preceding second quarters was 1,056.

Infant mortality remained at a very low level. A provisional rate of 41 per 1,000 related live births was 11 below the average for the 10 preceding second quarters and was the lowest rate for any June quarter. There were 7,201 deaths of babies under one year old.

A general death-rate of 10.5 per thousand compared with 10.9 for the June quarter of 1944. In the previous five years the average for the same part of the year was 11.7.

Births registered exceeded deaths by 64,185; the corresponding increases in the second quarters of 1942, 1943 and 1944 were 50,674, 67,797 and 83,491 respectively.

A total of 99,241 marriages exceeded by 1,726 the figure for the corresponding period last year, but was lower by 2,491 than the average for the second quarters of the five years before 1944.

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