

## The Midwife.

### Central Midwives Board.

#### First Examination.

February 8th, 1956.

From 2 to 5 p.m.

1. Describe the urinary bladder.  
What disturbances of micturition may occur during pregnancy, labour and the puerperium?
2. A pregnant woman complains of swelling of the feet and legs. What are the possible causes of this and what investigations would you make?
3. Describe the physiology of the third stage of labour.  
How do you conduct this stage in practice?
4. Describe in detail how you would nurse the mother during the first three days of the puerperium, following a normal delivery.
5. What is a premature baby?  
Discuss the care of the premature baby during its first two weeks of life.
6. What drugs may be administered during labour by the midwife?  
Indicate the use and the dosage of each drug you mention.

### National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare.

Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

### Annual Conference, June 20, 21 & 22, 1956, at Cardiff.

#### Preliminary Programme.

JUNE 19TH at 8.30 p.m.: Delegates will be welcomed by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff at the City Hall (dress optional).

#### "Safeguarding the Family."

JUNE 20TH, 10 a.m. In the Assembly Hall, City Hall, Cardiff.

Chairman: SIR ALLEN DALEY, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Chairman of the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare).  
Opening of the Conference by the Right Hon. ROBERT H. TURTON, M.P. (Minister of Health).

Contribution on "The Unborn Child," by DUGALD BAIRD, M.D., Ch.B., F.R.C.O.G. (Regius Professor Obstetrics, University of Aberdeen).

Opener of discussion: ARCHIBALD S. DUNCAN, D.S.C., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. (Professor of Obstetrics, Welsh National School of Medicine).

12.30 p.m. Close of session.

2.30 p.m. Annual Meeting of the General Council of the National Association (members only) in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Cardiff.

3.30 p.m. Garden Party in the grounds of Cardiff Castle.

8.30 p.m. Discussion Forum on "The Naughty Child" in the Rearden Smith Lecture Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff.

JUNE 21ST, 10 a.m. In the Rearden Smith Lecture Hall, Cathays Park.

Chairman: W. POWELL PHILLIPS, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Medical officer of Health, City of Cardiff).

Contribution on "The Newborn Child" by WILFRID F. GAISFORD, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Professor of Child Health, University of Manchester).

Opener of discussion: AUDREY WOOD, B.A., S.R.N., S.C.M., M.T.D. (General Secretary, Royal College of Midwives).

Contribution on "The Infant" by ARTHUR G. WATKINS, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Professor Paediatrics, Welsh National School of Medicine).

Opener of discussion: E. K. N. CUMMING, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Superintendent Health Visitor, Gloucestershire County Council).

12.30 p.m. Close of session.

2.30 p.m. Chairman: W. EVAN THOMAS, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (County Medical Officer of Health, Glamorgan County Council).

Contribution on "The Toddler" by ELENORA SIMPSON, M.B., Ch.B. (Maternity and Child Welfare Officer, City of Halifax).

Opener of discussion:

Contribution on "The Schoolchild" by HAROLD M. COHEN, M.D., Ch.B. (School Medical Officer, City of Birmingham).

Openers of discussion: C. EDITH ROBERTS (Inspector, Welsh Department, Ministry of Education) and A. J. MACKAY, B.A. (Assistant Director Education, City of Cardiff).

4.30 p.m. Close of session.

JUNE 22ND, 10 a.m. In the Rearden Smith Lecture Hall, Cathays Park.

Chairman: DOROTHY MAKEPEACE, M.D. (Senior Inspector, Children's Department, Home Office).

Contribution on "The Insecure Family" by J. STEVENSON LOGAN, M.B., Ch.B. (Medical Officer of Health, Southend-on-Sea).

Opener of discussion: RICHARD T. BEVAN, B.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., Ch.B. (Deputy County Medical Officer of Health, County of Glamorgan).

P.M. Optional Visits to Hospitals, Schools, etc. (Conference Fee £2 2s.)

### Vital Death Statistics for 1954.

THE MEDICAL TABLES of the Registrar General's Statistical Review for 1954\* were recently published. Some of the main figures have already been published in the Registrar General's Weekly and Quarterly Returns and in the Annual Report of the Ministry of Health. This Tables Volume gives details of deaths from all causes and notifications of infectious diseases in 1954, by age, sex, area of residence and time of year.

#### Deaths of Infants and Children under Five.

The infant mortality rate (deaths of children under one year of age) was the lowest on record, 25 per thousand related live births. In 1953 the rate was 27 and in 1920 it was 80; there has thus been a decline of 70 per cent. in the last 34 years.

The death rate of children aged 1-4 years was 0.94 per thousand population. In 1953 it was 1.18 and in 1920 it was 12.08—a decline of over 90 per cent. in 34 years.

The loss in the first week after birth accounted for nearly 60 per cent. of the total infant mortality; including these deaths, the loss in the first three months of life accounted for over 80 per cent., and in the age-period 3-6 months, 10 per cent.

Infant mortality from certain causes of death has declined remarkably. Deaths from whooping cough (95) and bronchitis (335) were less than 5 per cent. of the 1920 figure; deaths from pneumonia (2,390) were a quarter of the 1920 figure; and deaths from diarrhoea (461) less than 7 per cent. On the other hand, deaths from meningococcal infections (105) showed an increase of a quarter over the 1920 figure.

The decline in mortality from certain causes also continued in the age-group 1-4 years. There were only two deaths from scarlet fever, three from diphtheria and 20 from measles. In 1920 these deaths numbered 590, 2,367 and 4,763, respectively; deaths from all forms of tuberculosis (92) were less than 4 per cent. of the 1920 figure, and deaths from accidents and violence (515) declined to nearly a third. Deaths from cancer (261), however, had trebled since 1920 in this age-group.

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