

the spread of infection, that she attended as a midwife at eight other confinements, and other charges.

MARY SIMS, 11500, charged with persistently neglecting, after repeated warning, to provide herself with a washable dress, and the bag, basket, appliances, antiseptics, and register required by the rules. The midwife's defence was that as she only had an allowance of half-a-crown a week from the parish to depend on, and had a husband of 78 to keep, she could not afford these things.

MARY JANE WAGGOTT, 5413, charged with uncleanness, offences against Rule E in respect to wearing a washable dress, the use of the required appliances and antiseptics, and in keeping a register, and with habitually evading inspection at reasonable hours. The midwife's defence was that the inspector was "very impudent," and her charges "confounded lies."

ANN WALLWORK, 20024, who appeared before the Board, and was ably defended by her son, was charged with malpractice, negligence, and misconduct in regard to disinfection of herself and patient, dietary of patient, squeezing the child's breasts daily and so causing them to be inflamed, douching the patient with a syringe previously used to give enemata, and other offences against the rules. Some of the charges were denied, but the Board considered them proved.

BARBARA WATSON, 20275, who had not sent in her certificate or register, was charged with not using or possessing the requisite appliances and antiseptics, and with not keeping a register of cases as required by the rules.

MARY WEST, 19176, charged with uncleanness and with persistently neglecting, after due warning, to provide herself with the necessary equipment.

ELIZABETH WILLIS, 1763, charged with failing to notify the local supervising authority when medical assistance had been sent for; also failing to notify still-births occurring in her practice.

HELENA ZWIRN, 9739, charged with uncleanness, failure to disinfect after attendance on an infectious case in accordance with the rules, administering drugs without entering the fact in her register, and failure to notify the L.S.A. when medical help has been sent for, or when deaths and still-births have occurred in her practice, etc.

SARAH E. CARFORD, 972. This woman was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour at Sheffield Quarter Sessions for unlawfully supplying a poison in the form of pills with intent to procure abortion.

ADA G. CHOWNE, 10677. This woman is at present undergoing nine months' imprisonment for wilfully neglecting two infants entrusted to her to nurse.

MARY CATHERINE COLBERT, 14955, charged with being found in a house in an unconscious state from the effects of alcohol and laudanum, having been engaged to attend two confinements then expected, and of being habitually given to excess in alcohol and laudanum. The doctor called in stated in an affidavit that Mrs. Colbert acknowledged taking 1½ oz. of opium on that occasion and to a habit of taking 4 oz. a week.

ANNIE DEWHURST, 19831, accused of negligence and misconduct in regard to disinfection on more than one occasion, and of not explaining that the attendance of a registered medical practitioner was required in a case of seriously ruptured perineum; of making a patient get out of bed on the third day and wash herself standing on the floor.

BARBARA MORGAN, 13142, charged with habitual intemperance, and with being drunk and incapable when in attendance on a case. Mrs. Morgan, in a letter, stated that she took a little drink, but "as to being a habitual drunkard she begged to differ."

MARY SHEPPARD, 20279, charged with negligence. In respect to disinfection, in regard to cleansing the eyes of an infant, not explaining that a medical practitioner was required in the case of a patient suffering from repeated rigors, etc. In a written defence Mrs. Sheppard asserted that "someone must have purged themselves" in making these charges against her.

ELLEN WATSON, 5113, charged with various offences against Rule E, with attempting to evade inspection, with falsely informing the inspector of midwives that she was no longer taking cases without a doctor.

Various charges were also heard against other midwives with the following results:—

SEVERELY CENSURED.

Mary Ann Bradford, 2648; Sarah Carr, 20784; Mary Ann Scadden, 181; Martha Agnes Russell, 7027; Mary Ann Simpson, 20413.

In the case of Sarah Carr it was decided to draw the attention of the local supervising authority to the large number of still-births in her practice, and to ask for a report in three months' time.

CENSURED.

Eleanor Bamford, 20071, who appeared before the Board.

CAUTIONED.

Caroline Ansdell, 16740; Susan Davis, 5551; Louisa Doe, 16318; Eliza Jacobs, 10472; Harriet Leggett, 8201 (who the Board considered was placed in a difficult position); and Martha Main, 3917.

APPLICATIONS FOR RESTORATION OF NAME.

The application of Mary Brown and Caroline Cartledge for restoration to the Roll were refused.

CITATIONS AND REMOVALS.

Since the beginning of the present year 111 midwives have been summoned to appear before the Board, and 77 have been struck off the Roll.

A MIDWIVES' PROTEST.

The Midwives of the Manchester Association have adopted a resolution that, whilst approving of the principle of the Early Notification of Births Bill, strongly condemns any fresh obligations being placed upon them, they are already overburdened with duties, and consider they are entitled to a fee for every case if they notify the authorities.

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