Mrs. Stephen Glanville opened the Discussion, and advocated the representation of the interests of midwives through the representative of the Midwives' Institute. She urged midwives to join the Institute so that they might take part in the election of this representative.

The time limit being reached, the Session was brought to a close with a few concluding words from the Chairman. It is very unfortunate that this subject of vital importance to midwives should have been the last on the programme, and that the discussion was thus curtailed.

Afterwards a strong feeling was expressed by Manchester midwives and others that as the discussion was brought to a conclusion before any members of the audience had had an opportunity of expressing their views on this question of Direct Representation, which is by far the most important before the midwives attending the Conference, that a further meeting on this subject should be arranged.

At the conclusion of the Session many of those present went on to the Midwives' Institute, where tea was kindly provided, and where there was an interesting little exhibit, including the wadded quilt on which Italian women nurse their babies, and a swathe used in the same country.

The Central Midwives' Board.

The monthly meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held in the Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, S.W., on Thursday, April 21st, Dr. F. H. Champneys in the chair.

Correspondence.

The correspondence considered included a letter from Dr. Scurfield, Medical Officer of Health for Sheffield, reporting that both an unqualified medical man, and an unqualified dispenser, were acting as male midwives in that locality. He stated that it does not appear from Section 1 of the Midwives' Act that it is an offence for an unqualified male midwife to undertake midwifery, and considered that the Act needed amending to include male midwives. He enquired whether a medical man who sanctioned the practice of a male midwife would be "covering" an unqualified practitioner. On the suggestion of Sir William Sinclair, the Secretary was directed to suggest to Dr. Scurfield that he should communicate with the General Medical Council.

A letter was also considered from the Secretary of the Kenilworth Maternity Nursing Association, inquiring if her Association was legally responsible for the fee of £1 1s. for medical practitioners called in at the instance of the midwives of the Association. The Board considered that a letter already written by the Secretary in connection with this matter answered the question.

The Secretary reported that the County Council of Pembroke had neglected to supply a list of midwives practising in the county, and declined to do so. The Secretary was directed to inform the Clerk to the Pembroke County Council that unless the apportionment due from that Council to the Central Midwives' Board was received by April 30th that proceedings would be taken to recover the same.

Report of Standing Committee.

A letter was received from a certified midwife advertising a patent medicine. It was agreed to inform the midwife that if she does not forthwith discontinue the use of the letters "C. M. B." affixed to her name, and the advertising of the patent medicine, she will be cited to appear before the Board. The displayed heading of her letter paper was as follows:—"Indigestion Cure, Anti-Dyspeptic Pills, in boxes, 1s. 1½d., 1s. 9d., or 2s. 9d. Give them a Trial. Dr. to Nurse ——, C.M.B. and G.T.N., Daily Visiting Nurse and Masseuse. Resident Patients received. Terms moderate."

Removal from the Roll.

The applications of 14 midwives for removal from the Roll for various reasons were granted.

Procedure on Application to be Certified Under Rule B 2.

The Board, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, passed the following resolutions, regulating admissions to the Roll under the new rule sanctioned by the Privy Council:—

(1) "That the form of application, and the certificate in support thereof, be the same as used in similar applications down to March 31st, 1905." (2) "That the fee payable be one guinea." (3) "That the grant of a certificate without requiring training or examination be limited to those who have been practising, and desire to continue to practise, as midwives in England or Wales." (4) "That women holding qualifying certificates, and resident in England or Wales, who produce evidence of good character satisfactory to the Board, may be admitted to the examination without being required to undergo further training.

Approval as Teacher.

The applications of W. E. Turner, Esq., M.R.C.S., and G. E. Hely Hutchinson Almond, Esq., M.B., for approval as teachers, were granted.

Approval to Sign Forms III. and IV.

The applications of the following midwives for approval to sign Forms III. and IV. were granted: Marion Alice Bailey (No. 22926), Gertrude Maria Gibbings (No. 27738), Elizabeth Ann Stephens (No. 3112), Minnie Williamson (No. 6793).

Admissions to the Roll.

In conformity with the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the applications of the following midwives for admission to the Roll were granted subject to compliance with the resolutions of the Board above stated:—Louisa Sanders (Winchelsea), Leonora Gilder (Midhurst), Mary Anthony (Clyro Valley, Hay), Leviah Harris (Rhayader), Mary Ann Lewis (Glasbury), Mary Jane Lewis (Llanelly), Margaret Llewellyn (Pont Neath, Vaughan, Neath), Margaret Lloyd (Cefn, Brecon), Dolphin Price (Painscastle, Hay), Eliza Ann Price (Llanfrynach, Brecon), Margaret Pritchard (Blackrock, Llanelly). The applications of Jane Lizzie Jones and Emma Jones were also granted.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for May 26th.

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