

## PENAL CASES.

Special meetings of the Central Midwives' Board, under the provisions of Rule D5, were held at the Board Room, Caxton House, S.W., on Wednesday, July 20th, and Thursday, July 21st, when the following cases were considered.

## CHARGES DISMISSED.

Those which occupied most time, and which were legally defended, were (1) the case of Mary Jane Barrett (8233) Newport (Mon.) (L.O.S. certificate). The Board, after a careful investigation of the charges, occupying 2½ hours, considered that the allegations as to not explaining that a case was one requiring medical assistance were not proved, and as regarded the employment of uncertified substitutes, the Board was satisfied that such substitutes were employed as pupils, and did their duty. Miss Barrett is to be congratulated that she was able to disprove the charges preferred against her. Once again the case is one in which a midwife appeared in person before the Board to answer the charges against her, and she had a complete answer. (2) In connection with charges of negligence and misconduct against Elizabeth Ann Evans (28623), Glamorgan (C.M.B. Examination), the Board also considered the indictment not proved. (3) In the case of Mary Anne Goldsby (11114), Worcestershire, charged with negligence and misconduct, the Board did not consider the charges proved.

## STRUCK OFF THE ROLL.

The following certified midwives were struck off the Roll and their certificates cancelled:—

Charlotte Bates (4012), Stoke-on-Trent, charged with not advising that the attendance of a medical practitioner was required in the case of an infant suffering from inflammation of the eyes.

Anne Chivers (20722) Somerset, charged with persistently neglecting to provide herself with necessary appliances, etc.

Emma Frost (1586), Beds, charged with various offences against the rules.

## SEVERELY CENSURED.

Sarah Harvey (5955), Stoke-on-Trent, charged with negligence and misconduct in not advising that a registered medical practitioner should be called in in a case of inflammation of the eyes, and of informing the mother that medical advice was unnecessary, as she was quite capable of dealing with the case.

Ellen Potter (20264), Sheffield, charged with negligence and misconduct in not advising that medical assistance should be sent for in a case of inflamed eyes in an infant and in other offences against the rules.

## CENSURED.

Elizabeth Jane Haines (20651), Somerset, charged with negligence and misconduct.

## CAUTIONED.

Annie Jane Hewitt (9612), Salop (L.O.S. certificate), charged with negligence and misconduct in not advising that medical advice should be summoned when a patient was suffering from an offensive and bloody discharge, and from vomiting, and with other offences against the rules.

The consideration of one case was adjourned.

## The Midwives (No. 2) Bill.

The Midwives' Bill introduced into the House of Lords by the Lord President of the Council, Earl Beauchamp, was read a third time and passed on Monday last. It now goes to the House of Commons, where we understand that opposition will be offered to Clause 17, which provides that Boards of Guardians shall be made responsible for the payment of fees of medical practitioners summoned on the advice of midwives.

## The Union of Midwives.

A sale of work and entertainment arranged by the Union of Midwives in aid of the funds of the Union were held at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street last week. The entertainment commenced at 8 p.m., and, considering the time of year, the house filled well. The following artistes gave their services: Miss Tomes (soprano), Miss Barton (pianist), Miss Glynn (harp), Miss D'Arcy, and Mr. Bristowe (recitations), Mr. Frank Virgo (baritone). The Union is founded on trade union lines, but the subscription is very small. The members organised the sale of work to help to defray their initial expenses. One of the objects for which the Union was formed is to promote direct representation of midwives on the Central Midwives' Board, in which good work they have the hearty sympathy of this Journal.

The Union was only founded last April, but it already has a membership of 400. The President is Mrs. Robinson, and the Secretary, Mrs. Carnegie Williams. Its address is 33, Strand, W.C.

Mrs. Owens, certified midwife, of 1 and 3, Malden Crescent, Kentish Town, was recently "At Home" to members of the Union of Midwives and their friends. Among the guests were: Mrs. Robinson (President and Founder of the Union), Mrs. Rowden, Mrs. Hailes, and Miss Webb (members of the Committee). Despite showery and gloomy weather a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, and several new members joined the Union.

## Hospital Sunday Fund Awards.

The Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund has approved of the following awards for the year 1910, recommended by the Committee of Distribution:—British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, £124 11s. 8d.; City of London Lying-in Hospital, City Road, £200; Clapham Maternity Hospital and Dispensary, £38 6s. 8d.; East End Mothers' Home, £91 0s. 10d.; General Lying-in Hospital, Lambeth, £143 15s.; Plaistow Maternity Hospital, £43 2s. 6d.; Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone Road, £505; Home for Mothers and Babies, Woolwich, £62 5s. 10d.

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