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PENAL CASES.

A Special Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, on Tuesday last, at which Sir Francis Champneys presided, to hear the charges alleged against a number of midwives, with the following results:—

Struck off the Roll and Certificate Cancelled.—Jane Blatherwick (No. 3,878), convicted of performing an illegal operation with intent to procure abortion, at Liverpool Assizes on July 1st, and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. Mary Ann Cornfield (No. 13,792), Mary Ann Jackson (No. 20,378), Charlotte Plenty (No. 14,338), Elizabeth Ellen Watkins (No. 17,711), Elizabeth Webb (No. 17,672).

Severely Censured.—Caroline Fanny Wyatt (No. 5,503).

Censured.—Sarah Coulson (No. 5928).

Cautioned.—Annie Jane Maud Webb (No. 30,451)—the charges against whom were heard at the same time as those against Elizabeth Hannah Jones (No. 2,949)—was cautioned to keep forms in her bag for sending for medical help, and to keep strictly to the Rules.

Exonerated.—Elizabeth Hannah Jones (No. 2,949), six charges were preferred against this midwife, who keeps a Maternity Home at Leominster, in which Miss A. J. M. Webb acts as her assistant. Not one of the charges could be substantiated. They included improperly directing her assistant to threaten the husband of a patient, and habitually directing and coercing her assistant to disobey the rules of the Board.

In one case no action was taken, and in another the midwife cited to appear had died in the interval.

Restoration of Name to the Roll.—The application of Esther Letherin for the restoration of her name to the Roll was granted. That of Dianah A. Peace was refused.

DOCTORS' FEES IN MIDWIVES' CASES.

Sir John Rolleston asked the President of the Local Government Board, in the House of Commons last week, whether his attention has been called to a resolution recently passed by the Enfield Medico-Ethical Society, making it compulsory for a midwife who calls in a doctor in any stage of a confinement to guarantee the doctor a fee of not less than one and a-half guineas and that the case be taken over entirely by the doctor; whether he is aware that this is harmful both to the patient and the midwife; and whether steps will be taken, by legislation or otherwise, to settle this matter by arranging that the doctor's fee should be paid by the State in those cases where the patient is too poor to pay a fair fee?

Mr. Burns replied: "I have seen in the Press a copy of some correspondence relating to this matter. The society in question has not, so far as I am aware, any control over the midwife. I do not consider that the State should be called upon to make a payment in the cases referred to."

A SUCCESSFUL SALE.

The "Sale" in aid of the General Lying-in Hospital, held at 3, Grosvenor Place, S.W., by kind permission of Lady Esther Smith, last week, realised £450. There was a very beautiful collection of old china, glass, jewellery, and *objets d'art*, many delightful little water-colour sketches, and plenty of useful garments suitable for Christmas gifts. There was a good attendance both days, and all came with the serious intention of helping the hospital by purchasing; that was the only entertainment except for the palmist, who weaved rosy futures for the patrons and patronesses. The Ladies' Committee and others are to be congratulated on the success attending their hard work. The proceeds will help to keep up the tradition of the hospital—"No debts."

A FANCY FAIR.

A Fancy Fair in aid of the Funds of the Maternity Nursing Association, 63, Myddleton Square, E.C., will be held at the Finsbury Town Hall, Rosebery Avenue, E.C. (near the Angel), on Nov. 21st, from 2.45 to 9 p.m. It will be opened by Lady Savory.

MIDWIVES AND THE INSURANCE BILL.

A meeting convened by the National Association of Midwives was recently held in Manchester, Mrs. Lawson, President, in the chair, to urge upon the Government the vital importance of giving working midwives representation on all local committees dealing with maternity benefits under the Insurance Bill. Mrs. Edith Robinson, President of the Union of Midwives, and Councillor Margaret Ashton also spoke, and a resolution in the above sense was carried unanimously.

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