

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A special meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at Caxton House, Westminster, on Thursday, April 24th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding, when charges alleged against ten midwives were heard with the following results:—

STRUCK OFF THE ROLL AND CERTIFICATE
CANCELLED.

Emma Dickson (No. 22,281), Anna Hobbs (No. 11,930), Nancy Sheldon (No. 2,856), Esther Tiley (No. 20,696), Elizabeth Ann Wood (No. 6,334).

CAUTIONED.

Emma Josephine Chapman (No. 21,390), Lydia Edwards (No. 4,561), Edith Elizabeth Tripp (No. 6,453).

In two cases judgment was postponed until the meeting of the Board after a report had been received in three months' time from the local Supervising Authority.

EXAMINATION PAPER.—APRIL 22nd, 1913.

1. What are the causes of delay in occipito-posterior presentations? How may they terminate in the absence of assistance?
2. What injuries may occur to the mother during delivery? How are they caused, and how may any of them be avoided?
3. Describe exactly how you examine the afterbirth. Why is this examination important?
4. What is cystitis? How is it caused? What are its symptoms?
5. Describe exactly the daily routine of breast-feeding in a primipara.
6. What are the duties of the midwife under the Rules with regard to the dangers of carrying infection to a patient?

INFANT CONSULTATIONS.

The Association of Infant Consultations and Schools for Mothers, an organisation now eighteen months old, which links up nearly 100 societies of this kind throughout the Kingdom, held its Annual Council Meeting at the Royal Horticultural Hall, on the last day of the Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition. The room was crowded with doctors, nurses, and other delegates, who had come from Scotland, Wales, and all parts of England and the Metropolis, eager to learn from one another and more particularly to hear the debates on Mrs. Naish's paper on breast-feeding, and Mrs. Hope Gordon's on the scope of medical aid to be afforded in connection with infant consultations. Mrs. Naish, whose work is well known in Sheffield, brought not only a doctor's knowledge and experience to bear on her subject, but also that of a mother of five breast-fed children, and the result was a masterly exposition of all that pertains to maternal lactation. Her paper was so full of the most valuable, original, and scientific information that it is satisfactory to know it is shortly to be published and given that wide circulation among nurses, midwives and doctors it so richly deserves.

THE SICK ROOM HELPS SOCIETY AND NURSES' HOME.

The report of the Sick Room Helps Society, which is doing excellent work amongst the members of the Jewish Community in the East End of London, states that 1912 has been a year of new and grave responsibilities, of successful endeavours. It has been a year of good work, well and cheerfully carried out. With the year 1912 the work in the Maternity Wards at 24, Underwood Street commenced. Eighty mothers and eighty-two babies have been nursed in the wards.

In regard to the training of midwifery and maternity pupils the report states that probationers for midwifery training have every opportunity of acquiring a thorough knowledge of their profession in the wards, under the careful guidance of the Matron and Ward Sister. This affords a unique opportunity for Jewesses desirous of training for maternity work. One probationer has obtained the Central Midwives Board Certificate, and at the present time two midwifery pupils and one maternity nurse are in training in the Sara Davis Wards. The maternity nursing in the district, which is essentially Sick Room Help work, again shows an increase in the number of cases nursed.

POST-GRADUATE COURSE FOR MIDWIVES.

During the last week in May there will be a post-graduate course at the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth, open to all midwives. Tickets of admission, price 5s., and further information may be obtained from Sister Olive (Miss M. O. Haydon) at the hospital.

FREE CHOICE FOR PATIENTS.

The National Association of Midwives, of which Mrs. Lawson is President, have circularised the Secretaries of Trade Unions on the subject of the position of the midwife under the National Insurance Act, and reprinted a correspondence which appeared in this journal between Miss Amy Hughes and Sir Robert Morant. A circular has now been issued by the General Federation of Trade Unions stating that "To remove misapprehensions, secretaries should explain to their members that the Insurance Act allows the choice of either a duly qualified midwife or doctor, and that it is in no sense compulsory to call in the latter, except where complications arise."

THE MIDWIVES' SECTION OF THE I.N.A.

In connection with the newly-formed midwives' section of the Irish Nurses' Association, it is proposed that lectures shall be delivered on the National Insurance Act, on contracts, and on special subjects dealing with midwifery and maternity nursing. Midwives in Ireland should certainly take the opportunity of associating themselves together for professional purposes, remembering that union is strength.

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