

The Midwife.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

THE JUNE EXAMINATION.

At the Examination of the Central Midwives Board held in London on June 9th, 539 candidates presented themselves, and 430 passed the examiners, the percentage of failures being 20.2.

THE MONTHLY MEETING.

A Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held in the Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, on Thursday, June 19th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The report of the Standing Committee was received.

A letter was received from the President of the Local Government Board, inviting the Board to nominate a representative to attend a Meeting to be held at the Local Government Board, on June 14th, to consider the present position of District Nursing in London. The Secretary reported that there having been no opportunity of consulting the Board, Lady Mabelle Egerton had been invited by direction of the Chairman to attend on behalf of the Board, and that she had so attended. The action of the Chairman was approved.

A letter from the Medical Officer of Health for Newport, Monmouthshire, asking the opinion of the Board as to whether a register of cases kept by more than one midwife in common should be so arranged as to distinguish the records of each individual midwife, was further considered.

A letter was received from the Matron of the Monmouthshire Training Centre for Midwives on the same subject.

It was agreed that the Matron of the Monmouthshire Training Centre, having expressed her willingness to distinguish the records of each individual midwife, the Board considered that the complaint of the Medical Officer of Health for Newport, Mon., has been met, and that a copy of her letter be sent to him.

Letters were further considered from a registered medical practitioner, asking the Board to reconsider its decision removing his name from the list of recognised teachers.

The Board decided that he be informed that it sees no reason to alter its decision.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Inspectors of Midwives, forwarding a copy of resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting of the Association in April, 1913, as follows:—

Resolution 1.—"That those approved to sign Forms III & IV should submit to the Central

Midwives' Board the qualifications and experience of those, if any, whom they employ in the practical training of midwifery pupils."

Resolution 2.—"That the name of the qualified person present at each of the twenty deliveries required of a pupil before presenting herself for examination should appear in Form III."

It was decided that the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Inspectors of Midwives be informed that the Board's rule is to hold every principal answerable for his or her subordinates.

A letter was received from the Town Clerk of Stoke-on-Trent, urging the amendment of Section 5 of the Midwives Act, 1902, so as to provide for the assessment of contributions from Local Supervising Authorities on some principle more equitable in operation than that arising from apportionment on the basis of the number of midwives giving notice of intention to practise in any given area.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk of Stoke-on-Trent be informed that the Board have recommended the incorporation in the Amending Bill of a clause in accordance with the suggestion now made, and that they will not fail to support it by all means in their power.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Kent Insurance Committee, calling the attention of the Board to a difficulty experienced by midwives in getting medical help in cases of emergency for women entitled to medical benefit.

It was agreed that the Kent Insurance Committee be informed that the Board has no power over the assignment of fees under the Insurance Act, and that the responsibility of advising medical aid is laid upon the midwife by the rules.

A letter was received from a certified midwife, asking the Board to reconsider its decision at the last meeting refusing to approve her for the purpose of supervising the practical work of pupils.

It was agreed that the certified midwife be informed that the Board sees no reason to change its decision.

A letter was read from a medical practitioner, complaining of the conduct of two certified midwives in interfering with his practice.

It was agreed that the registered medical practitioner be informed that, as he is unable to allege any breach of the rules, the Board is unable to take action.

A letter was received from the Lady Superintendent of the Eden Hospital, Calcutta, asking the Board to reduce the number of personal deliveries required to be undertaken by candidates for the Examination from 20 to 10.

It was agreed that the Lady Superintendent of the Eden Hospital, Calcutta, be informed that the Board is unable to adopt the suggestion in her letter of May 29th.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)