

The Midwife.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, on Thursday, November 20th; Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Council transmitting a copy of a Note from the Foreign Office from the Norwegian Chargé d'Affaires in London requesting certain particulars respecting the training of midwifery pupils in the United Kingdom, and asking the Board to furnish a memorandum thereon.

It was resolved that the reply as drafted by the Chairman be approved and forwarded to the Clerk of the Council.

A letter was received from one of the Board's examiners calling attention to the ineffective training of a large number of the candidates for the Board's examination owing to the apparent absence of any system of classes at which questions may be asked and explanations given.

It was resolved the substance of the letter be communicated to all the examiners with the request that they will give the Board their comments upon it, the writer's name being suppressed and "Examiner" being substituted.

A letter was received from Dr. McHugh, of 8, Trafalgar Road, S.E., asking the Board to reconsider its refusal to approve him for the purpose of training a candidate for the Board's examination in practical work, and asking to be approved *pro hac vice* in respect thereof.

It was resolved that Dr. J. C. McHugh be approved *pro hac vice* in respect of the candidate in question.

A letter was received from Dr. J. Adams of Eastbourne, a recognised teacher, asking the Board to reconsider its refusal to approve Dr. A. A. Martin of Eastbourne for the purpose of training candidates for the Board's examination in practical work.

It was resolved that Dr. A. A. Martin be approved.

Correspondence with Miss E. V. Pocock, a Queen Charlotte's Hospital District Midwife, and with Mrs. F. M. Lineham, a pupil of Miss Pocock, with regard to the refusal of the Secretary to accept the schedule tendered by the latter for the Examination of October 23rd, and asking that Mrs. Lineham may be admitted to the Examination of December 12th was read.

A letter was read from the Secretary of Queen Charlotte's Hospital as to the circumstances attending the talking of her cases by Mrs. Lineham and the system of training at the Hospital as

regards the period during which cases must be taken.

It was resolved that (a) Mrs. Lineham be admitted to the Examination of December 12th. (b) That the Board's circular of April 18th, 1912, be sent to all Training Schools, that with each Schedule sent to a candidate a form be enclosed on which should be entered the date of each delivery certified, and that such form be signed by both trainer and candidate as correct.

It was further resolved that this regulation be communicated to all Training Schools and Approved Teachers and Midwives under Rule C. 1 (2).

Applications were received from five midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll, and it was resolved that the applications be granted and that the Secretary be directed to remove their names from the Roll of Midwives and to cancel their certificates.

APPLICATIONS.

The applications of Dr. Arthur Edward Dodson and Dr. Harriet McCloghry for recognition as teachers were approved, as was also the application of Dr. Morgan Watkin Williams for approval under Rule C. 1 (2).

The Secretary presented his report of the October Examination, after which the Board went into Committee on the Penal Cases.

PENAL BOARDS.

Special meetings of the Central Midwives Board were held at the Board Room, Caxton House, on Tuesday, November 11th, and Wednesday, November 12th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

NOVEMBER 11TH.

On November 11th, charges were heard against eleven midwives and they were, without exception, struck off the roll.

They were: Mary Aspden (3731), Elizabeth Hannah Bardsley (21114) St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, Cert.; Agnes Bateman (22207), Sarah Gears (294), Martha Gee (14605), Matilda Grimmett (461), Elizabeth Ann Kilgour (1440), Martha Parrott (4883), Mary Ann Preece L.O.S. Cert. (8168); Emma Roe (19143), Sarah Rogers (950).

In the case of Matilda Grimmett it was proved that her negligence had caused one infant to lose the sight of one eye, and possibly of both. Another infant in her charge was totally blind.

Sarah Gears was said to be the great grandmother of the infant, negligence in respect of which had resulted in practical blindness.

Matilda Grimmett's offence was that she had not obtained medical assistance for an infant suffering from pemphigus. The infant died, as also did two other infants to whom the disease

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