

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

The Monthly Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, on June 18, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

A letter was read from a candidate, asking to be admitted to the Examination, and tendering an Examination Schedule for that purpose.

In consequence of a falsified birth certificate having been tendered by this candidate for the Examination of December 16th, 1912, the Board resolved that no application of this candidate for admission to the Examination be entertained until one year after the candidate has reached the age of twenty-one, *i.e.*, not before April 8th, 1914.

The Board also resolved—That fresh evidence of moral rectitude be supplied, satisfactory to the Board.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee the Board decided that this candidate be admitted to the Examination.

Correspondence with the Superintendent of a recognised Training School, who, on behalf of one of her pupils, had furnished the Board with an Examination Schedule of which the birth certificate had been falsified was considered.

The Board decided (*a*) That the candidate having produced a false and fraudulent certificate of birth be excluded from the Examination until June, 1915; and that she be informed that a fresh application must be made not earlier than May, 1915, and fresh evidence of moral rectitude be supplied satisfactory to the Board. (*b*) That the attention of the Superintendent of the recognised Training School be called to this matter in which she has failed in her responsibility, and that she be warned that serious notice will be taken of any failure in her duties to the Board in future.

A letter was read from a certified midwife, forwarding a copy of a notice sent to her by the Cleveland Division of the North of England Branch of the British Medical Association.

The Board resolved that it be pointed out to the certified midwife that medical practitioners are not under the jurisdiction of the Board.

Correspondence attending the sending in of a Schedule by a candidate for the Examination of June 15th, in which she had falsified the name and dates of several of the patients attended by her and had then certified them to be correct and true in all respects was considered.

The Board resolved (*a*) That the candidate be excluded from the present Examination; (*b*) that she be forbidden to apply again until the June Examination of 1915; (*c*) that she be ordered to produce fresh evidence of trustworthiness and good moral character satisfactory to the Board when she next applies; (*d*) that as regards the signature of the medical officer as to the correctness of the cases, the facts be communicated to the General Medical Council.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Medical Committee of a recognised Training

School, asking the Board to arrange for the holding of six Examinations each year at Birmingham.

The application was granted.

A letter was read from the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy as to the training of midwives.

The reply as drafted be approved.

### APPLICATIONS.

The applications of three certified midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll on the ground of old age were granted.

The applications of Miss Rosina Matilda Blundell (No. 37440), a Queen's Nurse doing District Midwifery in Lincoln, and Miss Rosetta Hewlett (No. 32267), of Bingley, for approval to sign Forms 3 and 4, were granted.

### IN PRAISE OF BARLEY WATER.

It is always interesting as well as instructive to learn what drink well-known people during the hot weather find most conducive to the best work. Opinions naturally differ, but many celebrities of widely different occupation agree in praising barley water as a drink to work on at all states of the thermometer.

Mr. Harry de Windt, the famous explorer, has written: "I always drink Barley Water on my travels, whether in the tropics or the arctic regions, in Timbuctoo where I have just been travelling, or in Siberia where I once experienced 70 degrees of frost, and I have always found it refreshing in great heat and more sustaining in severe cold than any other form of food or drink, and Robinson's Barley makes the best."

Another votary of barley water is Mr. Mortimer Mompes, the celebrated artist, who says: "There is nothing better to paint on than barley water, because it is so delicious, cooling and refreshing whilst working, either painting pictures or engraving etchings—which is always a great strain, physically and mentally."

Mr. Raymond Blathwayt, the well-known writer, declares that it is the best drink for a hot summer's day that he has ever known. Having tested almost every kind of drink, from a Manhattan cocktail to a mug of foul-smelling Nile water out of a ditch on the edge of the Libyan desert, in almost every part of the world that one can think of, he has come to the conclusion that barley water made from Robinson's "Patent" Barley beats them all.

To this testimony must be added that of midwives and nurses, who know that as a diluent of cow's milk for hand fed babies barley water made with Robinson's "Patent" Barley is hard to beat.

By the kindness of Provost Robertson and Mrs. Robertson of Paisley some 650 mothers all with babies in their arms, were entertained in the Barshaw Public Park on June 16th, and a similar party on the following day. All the mothers had been under the supervision of the nurses of the Paisley Public Health Department, and the Health Visitors Association.