

The Midwife.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held in the Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, on Thursday, January 15th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

Letters were received:

From the Registrar-General, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Superintendent-Registrar for the Wolverhampton District with regard to the conduct of a certified midwife in issuing two certificates—one of death and one of stillbirth, in respect of the same child. The case was referred to the Penal Cases Committee.

From the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association, asking the Board to reconsider its decision declining to re-appoint as a recognised teacher a medical practitioner whose period of approval had expired.

It was agreed that the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association be informed that it is contrary to the practice of the Board to give reasons for its decisions, and that the Board regrets therefore its inability to give him the information for which he asks.

From the Secretary of the Bombay Presidency Nursing Association, asking the Board to recognise the certificate of the Association as a qualification for the entry of a name on the Midwives' Roll, or in the alternative to establish a branch examination of the Board in Bombay.

It was agreed that the Secretary of the Bombay Presidency Nursing Association be informed that the Board regrets that it is unable to entertain either application.

From the County Medical Officer for Somerset, calling the attention of the Board to the difficulties which may arise in connection with the notification by a midwife of a stillbirth which has occurred before her arrival, as provided by Rule E 22 (c).

It was decided that the County Medical Officer for Somerset be thanked for his letter, and that he be informed that the matter has been noted for consideration on the next revision of the Rules.

From the Secretary of the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives, with reference to the paper set at the Examination of December 12th.

It was agreed that the Secretary of the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives be informed that it is contrary to the practice of the Board to discuss Examination questions with correspondents.

From Messrs. Ball & Redfern, solicitors, asking the Board to admit a candidate to the Examination under the circumstances mentioned in their letter.

It was agreed that Messrs. Ball & Redfern be informed that until the discrepancies in the

certificates and other documents in the case of the candidate in question are explained to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board is unable to consider the question of admitting her to the Examination.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMOVAL FROM THE ROLL.

The applications of nine midwives for removal of their names from the Roll on the grounds of old age and ill-health were granted; and the Secretary was directed to remove their names from the Roll of Midwives, and to cancel their certificates.

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 1ST, 1914.

It was agreed (a) That the thanks of the Board be given to the examiners who do not offer themselves for re-election; (b) that the examiners who have expressed their desire to continue, be re-elected; (c) that the four London additional examiners be appointed regular examiners; (d) the following medical practitioners were appointed additional examiners:

For the London Centre—Gerald Graham Alderson, M.B., F.R.C.S.; Harold Chapple, M.B., F.R.C.S.; Malcolm Donaldson, M.B.; William Gilliatt, M.D., F.R.C.S.; Stanley Gordon Luker, M.D., F.R.C.S.; Donald Whateley Roy, M.B., F.R.C.S.; and James Montagu Wyatt, M.B., F.R.C.S.

(e) *At Bristol*.—Reginald Samuel Shellard Stat- ham, M.D.

(f) *At Leeds*.—William Gough, M.B., F.R.C.S.

(g) *At Manchester*.—(1) Harold Clifford, M.B., F.R.C.S. Ed.; (2) William Fletcher Shaw, M.D.

(h) *At Newcastle*.—William Ledingham Ruxton, M.B.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION.

The application of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for recognition as a training school was granted.

The applications of James Alexander Fraser, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and William Macdonald, M.D., for recognition as teachers, were granted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Miss Paget (representative on the Board of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute) reported on a complaint sent to her by that body from a certified midwife, in regard to the method of supervision by the Local Supervising Authority.

At Miss Paget's request the Chairman explained the case. The midwife in question complained that the person sent to inspect her was a person with no training. She did not consider it proper, and she objected, to be inspected by a lay person.

The Board agreed (a) That a copy of the letters from Mary Lizzie Storey, No. 39220, dated December 22nd, 1913, and January, 1914, be

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