

## THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

### EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following is the paper set to candidates for the Central Midwives' Board Examination on December 16th:—

1. What are the anatomical relations of the female bladder? What causes in the puerperium might lead to

(a) retention of urine?

(b) incontinence of urine?

2. What are the common reasons why a child is born dead?

3. What are the causes of rupture of the perineum, and how would you try to prevent it?

4. How would you deal with hæmorrhage that occurs after birth of the child, the placenta being still in the uterus?

5. A bottle fed baby, nine days old, is not gaining weight. State exactly how you would try to find out the causes of this condition.

6. State any of the rules you know of in the Regulations of the Central Midwives Board relating to the *prevention* of septic infection in midwifery practice.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board Room, Caxton House, Westminster, on Thursday, December 17th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the report of the Standing Committee, in connection with further correspondence with the Committee of St. Monica's Maternity Home, Bradford, it was agreed that the application of Midwife Marion Taylor for approval to train pupils should be granted until December 31st, 1915, and that the question be then reconsidered in the light of the number of patients actually attended, and the number of pupils actually trained.

In connection with a letter from a candidate for examination who had tendered certificates of baptism and marriage which had been tampered with, it was decided (a) that she be not admitted to the next Examination but that she be at liberty to ask for the reconsideration of her case in December, 1915, on producing evidence satisfactory to the Board that she admits the dishonesty of her conduct and promises to deal honestly in future; (b) that the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute at Cardiff be informed of the facts, and be asked why it had forwarded a certificate which had been tampered with in view of the Board's circular of September 30th, 1914.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives transmitting, for the information of the Board, returns obtained from Local Supervising Authorities as to the difficulty experienced in obtaining the services of a registered medical practitioner when summoned in emergencies on the advice of a midwife.

It was agreed to inform the Association that the Board sympathizes with it, and has repeatedly urged the necessity of securing the payment of medical practitioners when summoned to cases in charge of midwives, and that the Board will use its endeavours at the proper time to get such a clause passed. It further suggested that the Association should use its influence to get an Amending Bill passed as soon as possible.

### APPLICATIONS.

*From Certified Midwives.*—Applications of seven midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll for various reasons were granted.

*From a Registered Medical Practitioner.*—The application of Dr. William Ashley Graves Cluffe for approval to undertake the practical training of pupil midwives was granted for the present.

*From Certified Midwives.*—The applications of Midwife Janet Leece, 193, Halliwell Road, Bolton, and Midwife Amelia Peplow, District Nursing Association, Halloway Place, Hastings, for approval to undertake the practical training of pupil midwives were granted.

### BOARD MEETINGS FOR 1915.

The dates of the ordinary Board Meetings for 1915 were fixed as follows:—January 21st, February 18th, March 11th, April 15th, May 27th, June 17th, July 22nd, October 7th, November 18th and December 16th.

The date of the next Penal Board was fixed for January 20th, 11.30 a.m.

### THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Midwives' Act Committee of the London County Council have recommended that Mr. A. L. Léon be appointed their Deputy-Chairman, and that the powers and duties of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be also exercisable by the Deputy-Chairman.

### LAST WORDS FOR 1914.

“ Take joy home  
And make a place in thy great heart for her,  
And give her time to grow and cherish her,  
Then will she come and oft will sing to thee  
When thou art working in the furrows,  
Ay, or weeding in the sacred hour of dawn.  
It is a comely fashion to be glad,  
Joy is the grace we say to God.”—*Jean Ingelow.*

“ For no one doth know what he can bestow,  
What light, strength and beauty may after him  
go;  
Thus onward we move, and, save God alone,  
None guesseth how wondrous the journey may  
prove.”

“ Dost thou remember as the Old Year goeth,  
The many mercies that it brought to thee,  
Some that God only, and thine own heart  
knoweth,  
And some that other hearts and eyes can  
see? ”  
—*M. Gorges.*