

THE MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the offices, Caxton House, Westminster, on Thursday, May 27th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

An application from the examiners of the Manchester Centre, asking the Board to arrange for examinations to be held six times a year alternately at Manchester and Liverpool, was granted.

A letter was received from the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Inspectors of Midwives transmitting for the information of the Board a copy of a circular sent by the Association to the President of the Local Government Board on the subject of Maternity and Child Welfare, and acknowledgments sent.

A letter was received from a candidate from the Nurses' Home, Beachcroft Road, Leytonstone, who had been asked by the Board for an explanation of the alteration of the dates in her birth certificate.

It was agreed that the candidate be not allowed to enter for examination before April, 1916, and that she be required to produce special certificates with regard to her truthfulness.

Correspondence with the Chairman of the Kingswood Nursing Association, and with Miss Helena Freer, No. 21530, Lady Superintendent of the Association, with regard to the circumstances under which the latter had sent in a falsified baptismal certificate on behalf of one of her pupils desirous of entering for examination, was considered. It was agreed that the application of Miss Helena Freer, No. 21530, for approval to undertake the practical training of pupil midwives at the Kingswood Nurses' Home be refused.

It was agreed that the name of the Brighton Hospital for Women be reinstated upon the list of institutions at which pupils may be trained on the annual approval by the Board of their Lecturing Staff and Training Midwife.

Correspondence with the Secretary and with the Lady Superintendent of the Cheltenham District Nursing Association with regard to the admission to examination of a candidate who having tendered a falsified certificate of birth had been excluded from examination until June, 1915, was considered.

A letter was read from the candidate on the same subject, and it was decided to admit her to the examination.

It was agreed to inform the Medical Officer of Health of Sheffield and the County Medical Officer of Health of Lancashire, who had written to the Board on the subject, that any case of a ruptured perinaeum which requires stitching is a case of "serious rupture" within the meaning of Rule E. 20 (3).

The application of Dr. Isaac Banks, of 2, Park Lane, Aberdare, asking the Board to replace his name on the list of medical practitioners approved for the purpose of the practical instruction of pupil midwives, was granted.

A letter was received from the Honorary Secretary of the Plaistow Maternity Charity, forwarding the Examination Schedule of a candidate whose birth certificate had been tampered with.

It was agreed to inform the Honorary Secretary of the Plaistow Maternity Charity that the Board requires a fresh and unaltered certificate of birth in the case of this candidate.

A letter was read from a medical practitioner approved by the Board as a lecturer to pupil midwives, with regard to the circumstances under which he had suggested to the Matron of a recognised Training School that she should train one of his pupils within a period of not more than four weeks as a qualification for entering for examination. It was agreed that no further action be taken.

APPLICATIONS.

For Voluntary Removal of Name from the Roll.—The applications of eight midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll were received and granted.

For Recognition as Lecturer.—The applications of Dr. John Wishart and Dr. William David Coghill were granted; and that of Miss Margaret Rorke, M.B.

For Approval to Undertake the Practical Training of Pupils.—The applications of the following midwives were granted: Midwives Lucy Aldred (No. 24971), Mary Jane Lemm (No. 27135), Florence Kelly (No. 28733), Ellen Eliza Mailing (No. 5761), Alice Ethel Pitt (No. 31801), Florence Rodmell (No. 33501), Marianne Eliza Robertson Spencer (No. 34776).

GREAT EXAGGERATION.

The Charity Organisation Society, in a circular recently issued, report that inquiries in forty-five centres are unanimous in describing the likelihood of a very high illegitimate birth-rate in places where troops have been stationed as a "great exaggeration." Thus, in one locality where it was said 1,000 births were expected inquiry brought to light one case only. The Society say they wish to point out that the inquiries show that "the soldier is responding to the high ideal formed of him, and that those who have spread what turn out to be grotesquely exaggerated rumours to the detriment of his character have neither served him nor his country."

LECTURES ON BABIES.

Dr. Ralph Vincent will lecture on "Babies," at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, during June, as under:—

June 8th.—"The Chemistry of Milk."

June 15th.—"Substitute Feeding."

June 22nd.—"Gastric and Intestinal Disorder."

June 29th.—"Clinical Cases Illustrative of Various Diseases and their Treatment."

Ticket for the course, 5s.; or single lecture, 2s.

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