

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held in the Board Room, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on March 15th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received (a) from the Clerk of the Society of Apothecaries of London, informing the Board that Mr. Arthur Henry Williams Ayling, L.S.A., Master of the Society, had been appointed as the representative of the Society on the Board for one year ensuing April 1st next; (b) from the Clerk of the Council, stating that the Lords of the Council approve for the purpose of the Apportionment of contributions from Local Supervising Authorities the balance of £3,375 16s. 4d. shown against the Board in the Financial Statement for the year 1916.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the report of the Standing Committee further correspondence was considered with reference to a candidate for examination who was stated by an Approved Midwife in whose house she was residing to have taken a variety of drugs and stimulants during the week preceding the Examination of October 24th and in particular during the morning of the first day of that examination. It was decided that the candidate be informed that the Board is not satisfied with the explanation.

Letters were considered from a candidate who had tendered a false certificate of birth and had been required by the Board to procure special certificates with regard to her truthfulness. Such certificates were tendered and the Board decided that no further action be taken.

A letter was considered from the Local Government Board asking the Central Midwives Board further to consider the question of a limited delegation by a County Council, under certain conditions, to an Urban District Council within its area having a population of not less than 20,000.

It was decided to reply "that the Central Midwives Board regret the delegation of the power of inspection of Midwives and would point out that the Departmental Committee reported against it, that under the Amending Bill it is proposed to be repealed, and that it is not given in the Scottish Act."

### APPLICATIONS.

*For Voluntary Removal of Name from the Roll.*—The applications of fifteen Midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll were granted.

*For Recognition as Lecturer.*—The applications of Mr. Gilbert Eames French, M.R.C.S., and Mr.

Robert Henry Norgate, M.R.C.S., for recognition as lecturers were granted.

*For Approval as Trainer.*—The application of Midwife Alice East (No. 29921) for approval as a trainer was granted.

### REVISION OF LISTS.

The Secretary brought up the revised List of Examiners for the year April 1st, 1917, to March 31st, 1918. Also the list of Registered Medical Practitioners and the list of midwives approved as trainers. Approval was refused to one midwife, otherwise the Lists were approved as presented.

### RESOLUTION.

It was resolved: "That the Chairman be requested to communicate with the Privy Council asking that some relief may be afforded to the heavy expenses incurred by the county members in attending Board meetings owing to the large increase in railway fares."

### PENAL MEETING.

The next Penal Meeting was announced for Friday, April 20th, at 11 a.m.

### OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman announced that two members of the Board would cease to be members after the meeting, Mr. Parker Young and Mr. Golding Bird. He regretted that ill-health was the cause of Mr. Parker Young's resignation; the Board would regret him very considerably. He was brave, honest and public-spirited. The Chairman also thanked Mr. Golding Bird for the patient and careful way in which he had entered into the work of the Board, and in replying Mr. Golding Bird said he had found it the very model of a business board. The Board passed a unanimous vote of thanks to both members for their public-spirited and assiduous work.

No one will regret the resignation of Mr. Parker Young more than the press, whose very good friend he has always been.

Our report of the Penal Cases dealt with on March 14th, is unavoidably held over.

### A HOPEFUL OPINION.

Lord Rhondda, in a letter to the *Times*, states that since he took up his present office as President of the Local Government Board, examination of the subject has convinced him that by proper co-ordination of the health activities of the various agencies and the application of modern scientific methods, it is not too much to hope that a thousand innocent lives may be saved every week which are now hopelessly lost.

In the estimates of the L.G.B. for 1917-18, the grant for maternity and infant welfare is increased by £90,000.

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