

## The Midwife.

### CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, S.W. 1, on Thursday, December 15th, Sir Francis Champneys, presiding.

The Chairman reported the death on November 24th, of Mr. Edward Parker Young, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., L.M., and said that he was a man of marked personality and most benevolent disposition. He was a member of the Central Midwives Board from its foundation and took an interest in its work long after he has ceased to take an active part in it. He belonged to the best type of General Practitioners of the old school. The Board heard of his death with sorrow, and the Secretary was instructed to send its sincere condolences to the family.

The Secretary reported that the General Medical Council, at its meeting on November 28th, had delivered judgment in the case of a registered medical practitioner against whom the Board had preferred a charge of "covering" an uncertified woman. The case had been heard at the May Session and judgment adjourned for six months. The practitioner presented testimonials covering that period, from two of his professional brethren, and after deliberation the President announced that the Council did not see fit to order the removal of his name from the Medical Register.

#### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Some criticisms of the questions set on recent examinations forwarded by Dr. Fothergill on behalf of examiners for the Liverpool and Manchester Centre were considered.

It was decided to reply that the Board thought it impossible to eliminate technical terms in teaching midwives; if they did so the result would be to dissociate midwives from all relation with books referring to the study and practice of midwifery.

It, however, took the representations of Dr. Fothergill into consideration and communicated them to the examiners.

#### APPLICATIONS.

The application of a Dutch subject for admission to the Board's examination was accepted.

The application of Marie B. Foster, of German origin, but the widow of an Englishman, now domiciled in the United Kingdom, for admission to the Examination, was refused during the period of the war.

Applications of seven midwives for removal from the Roll were granted.

The applications of Mr. Ellis Herbert Sydney Scarr, M.R.C.S., for recognition as a lecturer was granted, and that of Dr. Samuel Foster *pro hac vice*.

#### PENAL BOARD.

The next meetings of the Penal Board are fixed for January 9th and 10th, 1918.

### QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, MARYLEBONE.

We hope that in apportioning their Christmas gifts, the generously disposed public will remember Queen Charlotte's Hospital, the largest of its kind in England. It receives over 2,000 poor women into its wards annually and attends a further 2,000 in their own homes. Since the outbreak of war, over 5,000 of the wives of our soldiers and sailors have been treated, as well as a large number of Belgian and other refugees. The important Ante-Natal Department has recently been extended and an Infant Consultation Centre has been opened. The support given to the Hospital, however, has been quite inadequate during the past few years, and the Committee are in urgent need of upwards of £11,000 to free the Hospital of debt and carry on the work until the end of the year. When so many lives are being laid down in the service of the country, it is more than ever necessary to save the children, and the Committee earnestly appeal for liberal contributions to enable them to continue the benefits of the Hospital to the increasing number of deserving women who seek its aid. Subscriptions and donations may be sent to the Secretary (Mr. Arthur Watts), at the Hospital, Marylebone Road, N.W. 1.

### NATIONAL BABY WEEK REPORT.

The *Daily Mirror's* happy cartoon, "Getting Ready for Baby Week," and the reproductions of the "Motherhood" film are two attractive features of the National Baby Week Report, and it contains many more.

### MATER DOLOROSA.

Mary rocked her Baby on her arm—  
Would have died to shelter Him from harm—  
Watched Him laughing, crying, on her knee,  
Even as I, my little son, rocked thee.

Mary watched Him grow from Babe to Boy,  
Then to manhood, still her hope, her joy;  
Lived in dreams of what her Child should be—  
Even as I have lived again in thee.

Mary lost Him in His golden youth,  
Saw Him slain to hold Mankind and Truth,  
Saw Him die in wounds and agony—  
Even as I, my first-born, have lost thee.

Mary sits in bliss beside her Son,  
All her sorrows ended, watchings done:  
So may God be pitiful to me—  
Bring me too again, my son, to thee.

HELEN M. NIGHTINGALE,  
In the Gazette of the Third London  
General Hospital.

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