

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

### ENGLAND.

The following is the examination paper set by the Central Midwives Board (England) on May 1st:—

1. Describe the naked-eye appearances of the placenta and cord. What are their functions? What varieties are met with? What practical importance have any of them?

2. What are the signs and symptoms of pregnancy at the 30th week? What signs would lead you to anticipate a difficult labour?

3. What would lead you to think that delay after the rupture of the membranes was due to obstruction?

4. By what signs would you know that a baby is not thriving? How would you ascertain the causes?

5. What signs would lead you to suspect that a woman might be suffering from syphilis? How may this disease affect the mother and the child? How would you endeavour to protect your self and others from this contagious disease?

6. Under what circumstances do the rules of the Central Midwives Board require that the midwife should notify the Local Supervising Authority?

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

The examination of the Board held on April 29th last simultaneously in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Dundee, has concluded with the following results:—

At the different centres the examinations were conducted by the following Examiners:—

*In Edinburgh.*—Dr. Ballantyne and Dr. Sam Cameron, Dr. Fordyce and Dr. Anne Mercer Watson.

*In Glasgow.*—Dr. Jardine and Dr. Lamond Lackie, Dr. Russell and Dr. H. Oliphant Nicholson, Dr. Macfarlane and Dr. Thatcher.

*In Dundee.*—Dr. Buist and Dr. McKerron.

The following are the successful candidates:—

### EDINBURGH.

Mrs. Annie Aitken, Mrs. Georgina Mary Burnett, Misses Jessie Calder, Gladys Margaret Cheyne, Annabella Craig, Margaret Craig, Mrs. Ellen Currie, Mrs. Margaret Jane McLachlan Ferguson, Misses Jane Stewart Gilchrist, Diana Houston, Jessie Kerr, Sarah MacDougall, Elizabeth Gray Meek, Alice Bondfield Mudie, Charlotte Young Neilson, Edith Margaret Nichol, Elizabeth Oliver, Catherine Baxter Picken, Mrs. Martha Reid, Miss Mary Sidey, Mrs. Eliza Ann Lothian Smith, Misses Barbara Taylor, Ada Bonner White.

### GLASGOW.

Mrs. Helen Jane Anderson, Misses Annie Hay Bell, Agner Mounsey Brotherton, Alexina Brown, Elizabeth Christie, Mrs. Elizabeth Davidson, Misses Isabella Davis, Emily Johnstone Forsyth, Margaret Howie Fulton, Christina Harper, Donaldina Macaskill, Jessie McInnes, Jane Dunlop McMurray, Mary Gibson McVea, Mary McKinlay Murdoch, Mary Boyle O'Reilly, Janet Brownlie Nish Paterson, Annie Ralph Rogers, Elizabeth Jane Rose, Agnes Smith, Agnes Wilson, Mrs. Eliza Wilson.

### DUNDEE.

Mrs. Jeannie Ann Simpson Cowan, Misses May Logie Gordon, Isabella Lawson McMurray, Lizzie Mather Martin, Mrs. Agnes Jane Russell.

### EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following are the questions set at the examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland on April 29th:—

1. Define the various stages of labour, and give three causes of delay in the first and second stage respectively.

2. What is Sepsis? How can it be prevented, and when it does occur, how should it be treated?

3. What points would you inquire into on visiting the mother and infant during the early days of the puerperium? What conditions may give rise to elevation of temperature on the third or fourth day?

4. Postpartum Hæmorrhage. What are the conditions leading to this? How are they to be avoided? Why is the danger so great? How would you treat a case if postpartum hæmorrhage occurred?

5. Mention some of the difficulties, connected with the breast, that may arise when a mother is nursing a child. State how you would deal with them.

6. Describe fully the management of a child born at the end of the 30th week of pregnancy.

### PENAL CASES.

A special board meeting of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland was held recently at 50, George Square, Edinburgh, the office of the Board, for the hearing of penal cases.

Arising out of an investigation instructed on a report by the Local Supervising Authority of the deaths of two patients from puerperal septicaemia, two certified midwives—No. 921 and No. 1163—appeared in answer to the charges of failure to send for medical assistance and negligence in keeping registers of cases, records of pulse, temperature, &c., as required by the rules.

On the conclusion of the hearing, the Board deliberated *in camera*.

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