

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

The Central Midwives Board met in the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Thursday, May 16th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

In connection with the Report of the Standing Committee, a letter was received from the Clerk of the Council, transmitting for the information of the Board a copy of an Order made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, pursuant to the provisions of Section 3 (5) of the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918, laying down the regulations for the elections of elected members, and the consultations with bodies to be consulted in connection with the appointment of appointed members of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland.

A letter was received from the Clerk of the County Council of the Parts of Lindsey, transmitting a copy of a Resolution passed by the Public Health and Housing Committee, and the Midwives Act Committee of that Council, suggesting an amendment of Clause 2 of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill now before Parliament, so as to enable a County Council to establish one Committee for Public Health purposes, including such matters as Maternity and Child Welfare and the supervision of Midwives.

The Board decided to draw the attention of the Local Government Board to a form of "Notification by a midwife of her engagement to attend a confinement," issued by a Local Supervising Authority, and especially to the note at the foot, which seemed to the Board to be an endeavour to enforce the notification of pregnancy on midwives.

Further correspondence with the County Medical Officer of Health for Somerset was considered, transmitting copies of letters which have passed between himself and the General Medical Council with reference to the action of a registered medical practitioner in giving a certificate to an uncertified woman, certifying that she was "quite capable of undertaking the duties of an ordinary midwife."

It was decided that the papers in the case be forwarded to the General Medical Council, and that it be informed that, if so desired, the Board will undertake to appear as the prosecutor in the case.

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women, asking the opinion of the Board on certain questions which have arisen between the Committee of the Hospital and the Local Supervising Authority, with regard to notifications under the Rules of the Board, and a reply drafted and directed to be sent.

### APPLICATIONS.

Applications for voluntary removal of their names from the Roll were received from seven midwives and their applications granted.

The adjourned application of Agnes Eliza Guest (No. 25573) for renewal of approval as teacher was granted.

Applications from the following Registered Medical Practitioners for approval as lecturers were granted:—Dr. Henry Sharland Pope, Dr. Charles William Howe (*pro hac vice*), Dr. Alice Emilie Sanderson (*pro tem.*).

The applications of the following certified midwives for approval as teachers were granted:—Midwife Lily Peoples (No. 45000), and Midwife Theresa S. Brooks (No. 35619) *pro tem.*

It was decided to increase the price of the Midwives' Roll to one guinea, and to ask the Treasury to contribute the sum of £117 3s., being the estimated cost of 375 copies of the Roll, additional to those required for sale to the public.

## NATIONAL BABY WEEK.

Amongst the local celebrations for National Baby Week, May 26th to June 1st, Lincoln's special courses of lectures on Infant Care will be extremely valuable. The speakers include Sir Francis Champneys, Dr. Eric Pritchard, Lady Barrett, Dr. Flora Shepherd, &c., and other addresses will be given by Dr. Barbara Tschaykowsky and Dr. Janet Lane-Clayton.

## ROBINSON'S "PATENT" GROATS.

High testimony has been paid to the value of Robinson's "Patent" Groats by the action of the Food Controller in granting a special licence for the sale of an emergency War Package of this highly esteemed preparation to Civil and Military Hospitals, Convalescent and Nursing Homes, Infant Welfare Centres, Dispensaries, and other Public Bodies and Institutions, on the understanding that re-sales may not be made at a profit.

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"Patent" Groats, packed in Emergency War Bags (4 lb. and 2 lb. sizes) are supplied by Messrs. Colman at 9d. per pound net, and carriage is paid on not less than 24 lb. Care should be taken to prevent accumulations of stock, as the Groats so packed are liable to deterioration.

The Irish Midwives Act Committee has decided to put before the profession the names of the following four gentlemen as candidates for election by the medical profession on the Central Midwives Board for Ireland:—Sir Andrew Horne (Chairman of the Committee), Dublin; Sir William Smyly, Dublin; Sir John Byers, Belfast; Professor Corby, Cork.

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