

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at the Offices, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, S.W., on Tuesday, April 15th.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Sir Francis Champneys was re-elected Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from Mrs. R. A. Nesham (Newcastle-on-Tyne), thanking the Board for its Resolution of sympathy on the death of her husband, the late Dr. R. A. Nesham, and its appreciation of his services as Presiding Examiner at the Newcastle Centre.

Letters were received from the Clerk of the Council—

(1) Transmitting an Order from the Lords of the Council, approving additional Rules E 12 (a), E 22 (1) (f), E 23 (f), and F 3 and 4.

(2) Stating that, in the opinion of the Privy Council, the question of any modification of the Constitution of the Board should be left to be dealt with by the new Ministry of Health, and that no action in the matter should be taken at present.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

A letter was received from Miss Annie McCall, M.D., Director of the Clapham Maternity Hospital, stating that in view of Resolution 11 (b) passed at the Board Meeting on March 20th, she is now prepared to sign, under the conditions specified by the Board, the certificate of attendance during the lying-in period comprised in the Board's Examination Schedule, in respect of pupils of the Clapham Maternity Hospital who have completed the period of training in that respect.

The Board considered the case of the presentation by a candidate for the Examination of May 1st of a birth certificate which had been tampered with, with correspondence thereon, and resolved that the candidate be not admitted to any examination prior to that of August 1st, 1919.

The requests of various candidates for examination to furnish statutory declarations in lieu of certificates of birth or baptism were granted.

It was resolved that the following midwives should be admitted to the Roll of Midwives on payment of the fee of £1 is. in virtue of the following qualifications:—

CERT. CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR IRELAND.

Midwife Elizabeth Mary Fanning (cert. National Maternity Hosp., Dublin).

Midwife Kathleen Fitzsimons (cert. Coombe Lying-in Hosp., Dublin).

Midwife Elizabeth Mackay (cert. Coombe Lying-in Hosp., Dublin).

CERT. CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

Midwife Helena Mathieson (cert. Royal Maternity Hosp., Edinburgh).

Midwife Josephine Thompson (cert. Royal Maternity Hosp., Glasgow).

Midwife Mary Baptist Coulter (cert. Royal Maternity Hosp., Edinburgh).

The Secretary notified that he had placed on the Roll the name of Midwife Florence MacGillivray (No. 48623), by reason of having passed the examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland.

APPLICATIONS.

For Voluntary Removal from the Roll.—The applications of nine midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll were received and the Secretary directed to remove their names from the Roll and to cancel their certificates.

For Approval as Lecturer.—The applications of Mr. Percy Vernon Davies, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and Dr. Walter Robert Dunstan, D.P.H., were granted.

For Approval as Teachers.—The applications of the following midwives were granted:—Midwife Alice Louise Crocker (No. 46001), Midwife Florence Lucy Gibson (No. 46451), *pro tem.*

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINER.

The appointment of Miss Annie McCall, M.D., as one of the examiners for the London Centre was renewed for one year, commencing April 1st.

PRICE OF PUBLICATIONS.

The Board having considered the question of increasing the price of the Board's Rules and Forms, resolved (a) That the price of the Register of Cases be increased to 1s. 6d. (b) That the price of the Pulse and Temperature Chart be increased to 1s.

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HEALTH, MATERNITY, AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Annual Report of the above League refers to the fact that it has been entrusted by the American Red Cross Society with a sum of £15,000 to promote the welfare of mothers and babies in the United Kingdom. One of the conditions was that provision be made for the care of children of the professional classes whose mothers have to work to support themselves and their children. This condition is being complied with by the establishment of a babies' hostel, with which will be combined a nursery training school, at Clissold Park. Here some twenty children, from birth to seven years of age, will have the best of care and attention at a moderate inclusive weekly charge. Another institution which owes its inception to the American Red Cross gift, is a babies' emergency home, or second-class babies' hostel, for children of the working classes who are temporarily deprived of the care of their mothers. Thanks also to the American help, the League is now ready to provide thirty new ante-natal clinics, ten in London and twenty in the provinces.

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