

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

The Monthly Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held on Thursday, June 19th, at the Board's offices, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster. A letter was considered from the County Medical Officer of Health for Bucks, enquiring whether under the Midwives Act, 1918, the conditions of payment to medical practitioners called in, in case of emergency, apply when the midwife is in the employment of the medical practitioner for whom she sends in such a case. The Medical Officer of Health for Bucks was referred to the Local Government Board.

### APPLICATIONS.

Five certified Midwives, holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, and that 7 of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland have, on application, been placed on the Roll of the Central Midwives Board for England.

*For Voluntary Removal from Roll.*—The applications of eight Midwives for voluntary removal from the Roll (including one censured at the Penal Board on the previous day) were granted.

*For Approval as Lecturer.*—Dr. Jane Alice Craig Latchmore. Mr. Kekobad Cowasji Anklesaria, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

*For Approval as Teacher.*—Midwife Muriel Simon (No. 43,910).

The date of the special (Penal) and Monthly Meetings of the Board has been fixed for Thursday, July 24th, at 10.30 a.m.

### PENAL CASES.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board, to consider cases of Midwives cited to appear before the Board was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Wednesday, June 18th at 2 p.m., with the following results:—

#### CASE ADJOURNED FOR JUDGMENT.

*Struck off the Roll and Certificate Cancelled:* Midwife Elizabeth M. Mead (No. 19,369).

#### CHARGES ALLEGED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING WOMEN.

*Struck off the Roll and Certificate Cancelled:* Midwives Sarah Ann Edkins (No. 1,506), Mary Owen (No. 4,193).

*Judgment Adjourned for Report in Three and Six Months' Time:* Midwife M. A. Sylvester (No. 27,617).

*Censured:* Midwife Phoebe Adams (No. 4,608). In the fifth case no action was taken.

#### APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION TO THE ROLL.

The application of Midwife Ellen M. E. Kerens (No. 31,706) for restoration to the Roll from

which she was removed on January 19th, 1917, was considered, and the application granted.

## THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

With the passing of the Ministry of Health Act, "all the powers of the Privy Council and of the Lord President of the Council under the Midwives Acts, 1902 and 1918," are transferred to the Minister of Health. This is as it should be, for the work of midwives is essentially health service.

## GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

### POST-GRADUATE WEEK.

The opening of the seventh Annual Post-Graduate Week at the General Lying-in Hospital York Road, S.E., was marked as in former years by a Reception by the Matron and Staff.

A liberal and inviting tea was served in the entrance hall, and judging by the large attendance of midwives the week promised to be a great success.

One of the noticeable features of this gathering is its friendliness and the warm welcome accorded to the guests by their hostesses. Those who so desired were shown the wards and their many attractions, in the interval of waiting for the lecture by Dr. Fairbairn. The post-graduates enjoyed a perfect orgy of babies and anxiously acquired new "tips" for the most up-to-date treatment. In one ward where the infants are fed four-hourly they were loudly protesting against their "milk shortage," considering, doubtless, that it was unfair that the rationing order should be enforced in their case.

As there were diversities of infants, though all charming, so also were there diversities of mothers, from the proud young creature with her first child to the seasoned veteran, who showed her tenth child and sixth son with unabated pride.

Dr. Fairbairn gave a most excellent and interesting lecture on Puerperal Infections.

He announced some of the chief events in the programme of the Post-Graduate Week, drawing special attention to the lecture on "The Uses of Physical Exercises and Massage in the Puerperium." He said the monthly nurse should have a certain amount of knowledge of massage, which would help to overcome the general muscular flabbiness, sluggishness and weakness which resulted from a patient being long in bed. So far it was a subject of which little had been taught to the midwife and it would be a specially valuable lecture.