

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

### PENAL CASES.

A Special Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Thursday, July 24th, at 10.30 a.m., Sir Francis Champneys presiding, with the following results:—

*Struck off the Roll and Certificate Cancelled:* Midwife Emily Grainger (No. 20,173), Midwife Agnes Mary Perley (No. 23,171, C.M.B. Examination), Midwife Mary Ann Reay (No. 13,277), and Midwife Fanny White (No. 6,480).

*Cautioned:* Emily Eugenie Cox (No. 38,549).

### MONTHLY MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Board, the last before the holidays, was held at the conclusion of the Penal Board.

A presentation on behalf of the Board was made by the Chairman to Mr. G. W. Duncan, who has been Secretary from its establishment, and who tendered his resignation as from September 6th next, with much regret. It took the form of a piece of furniture and was, therefore, not in evidence.

In thanking the Board, Mr. Duncan said that he owed a great deal to every member of the Board, and mentioned, in particular, the Chairman and Miss Paget. Miss Paget had had a great deal to do with the inception of the Act, and she also represented the interests of midwives on the Board. He could not express his indebtedness to the Chairman, who had made his work so pleasant, and so easy, and lightened his labours. He also referred to the assistance he had had from the office staff from the first. It would have been impossible for him to have performed his duties without the willing assistance he had received from them. Of the present staff Miss Short had been there twelve years, and two other members thirteen and fourteen years respectively, which said a good deal for the interest they had shown in the work of the office, and also, he hoped, that their work was not unpleasant to them.

He also acknowledged the kindly and courteous letters he had received from many of the examiners, and recalled that when on applying for the post he appeared before the Board, and the Chairman inquired whether he would take an abiding interest in the work, he had said that his desire was to help to make the Act a success.

Miss Paget, speaking for midwives, said that she had heard many expressions of regret from the midwives with whom she had come in contact at Mr. Duncan's resignation; they spoke—even those summoned before the Board—in the highest

terms of his courtesy, and with great regret of his resignation.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the applications of three candidates for admission to the Board's examination under special circumstances were granted.

The Secretary reported that a candidate for the examination of August 1st had tendered a certificate of birth which appeared to have been tampered with, and it was resolved not to admit her to any examination before that of November 3rd.

A letter was received from the Medical Officer of Health for Winchester inquiring (a) Whether the rules of the Board deal with the question of practice by a midwife supposed to be a chronic carrier of disease; (b) Whether such a woman if suspended from practice in order to prevent the spread of infection, would be entitled to compensation from the Board, or from the Local Supervising Authority which has suspended her.

It was decided that the replies be:—(a) That the question of practice by a midwife liable to be a source of infection is dealt with in Rule E.6; (b) That by Section 6 (2) of the Midwives Act, 1918, where "a midwife has been suspended from practice in order to prevent the spread of infection the Board, or the Local Supervising Authority by whom she was suspended, may, if they think fit, pay her such reasonable compensation for loss of practice as under the circumstances may seem just."

### APPLICATION.

*To be certified by the Board*—The applications of six Irish midwives to be certified by the Board were granted, on the payment of a fee of one guinea.

The Secretary reported that, in conformity with the Board's resolution of July 25th, 1918, he had placed the name of Margaret Agnes Fleming (No. 49,054), a midwife certified by the Scottish Board, on the Roll.

*For Voluntary Removal of Name from Roll*—Three applications were granted.

### APPROVAL AS TEACHER.

Midwife Charlotte Nairne Smart (No. 37,066) was approved. Midwife Ellen Maud Hendry (No. 25,574) *pro hac vice*; and Midwife Kate Angelina Hall (No. 36,474) *pro tem*.

### APPROVAL AS LECTURER.

Mr. John Yerbury Dent, L.M.S.S.A., was approved *pro tem*.

### APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY.

Subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health, Mr. Herbert George Westley, M.A.

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