

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD. MONTHLY MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Thursday, April 22nd. The first business of the meeting was the election of the Chairman, and Sir Francis Champneys was unanimously re-elected.

A letter was received from Lady Morant, thanking the Board for its message of sympathy on the death of her husband, the late Sir Robert Morant.

A letter was also received from Mr. E. H. Phillips of the Ministry of Health, stating that the Minister of Health approved for the purpose of the apportionment of contributions from Local Supervising Authorities, the balance of £3,395 7s. 10d. shown against the Board in the Financial Statement for the year 1919.

APPLICATIONS.

For Approval as Lecturer.

The following applications were granted:—Robert Gordon Bell, M.D., F.R.C.S.; George Dean Compston, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; Robert Stephen Hubbersty, M.D.; James Ramsbottom, M.B., D.P.H.; Ernest William Gurney Masterman, M.D., F.R.C.S.

Of Registered Medical Practitioner for Approval as Teacher.

The following application was granted *pro hac vice*:—John Goodisson Boon, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.

Of Certified Midwives for Approval as Teacher.

The following application was granted:—Edith Kate Roberts (No. 22805).

The following applications were granted subject to extern work being provided:—Hilda Ethel Mason (No. 30303); Jane Carnegie Wishart (No. 29243).

The following applications were granted *pro tem*:—Elizabeth Alice Holford (No. 44428); Edith Milo Laura Davies (No. 31563).

Applications to be certified by the Board, by reason of holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board for Ireland were received from eight midwives, and the applications granted conditionally on the payment of the fee of one guinea.

The Secretary reported that in conformity with a Resolution of the Board, he had placed on the Roll the names of five midwives holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives' Board for Scotland.

Applications were received and granted from twelve midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll.

The List of Institutions, Homes and Midwives at which and under whom pupil midwives may be trained, as submitted by the Secretary, was adopted, and it was resolved, that approval be continued until March 31st next.

CLOTHING OF INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

On Friday, April 23rd, Miss Isabel Macdonald (Medallist of the Royal Sanitary Institute), lectured on the "Clothing of Infants and Young Children," at the Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road. This was the last lecture of the course for students preparing for the Health Visitor's Examinations.

Miss Macdonald dealt principally with the clothing of infants and exhibited specimens of the model garments used at the headquarters of the Babies of the Empire Society, at Trebovir Road. Explanations were given with regard to the best materials for the infants' clothing and the points which mothers should understand in connection with the washing of these materials. The chief drawbacks of the binder were pointed out and the effects of overclothing in the training of the child's thermotaxic centres and in connection with its metabolism were explained. Perambulators and cots and the objections to the comforter were other items in the syllabus. Reasons why the ordinary hood of the perambulator is unhygienic in practice were explained; while details were given as to the best cots for the babies of poor mothers and how to prepare these. The comforter was condemned on the grounds that it encourages adenoid growths, leads to malformation of the mouth, and induces digestive disturbances owing to the over-stimulating and permanent enlargement of the salivary glands.

NATIONAL BABY WEEK COUNCIL.

Viscount Astor is to preside at the Council Meeting of National Baby Week to be held at the Armitage Hall, Great Portland Street, W., on May 11th, when interesting addresses will be delivered with discussion to follow on:—

"The Development of Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Work in Rural Districts": Dr. Helen Swatman (Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in Herts).

"The Problem of the Unmarried Mother and her Child": Mrs. H. A. L. Fisher.

"The Children's Era": Mr. T. Vivian Rees (Founder of the Movement).

The Meeting will be open to non-members of the Council by ticket, which may be obtained free on application to the Secretary.

We should advise nurses and midwives to read "Feminism and Sex-Extinction," by Dr. Arabella Kenealey—there is a vast amount of truth in it. We love beauty, not only of face but of form. Dr. Mathews Duncan told us long ago why women failed to have the lovely rounded contours of their grandmothers. Dr. Kenealey drives it home.

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