

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

The monthly meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held in the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Thursday May 20th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

In the Standing Committee, which met, previously, Dr. Fairbairn raised the question of reconsidering the conditions on which approval of midwives as teachers is granted, and also the question of arranging for courses of training for midwives seeking approval as teachers.

The Committee recommended, and the Board agreed, (a) that the Approval Sub-Committee be asked to consider and report on a scheme for the further instruction of teachers; (b) that Dr. Griffith be added to this Committee for this purpose.

A letter was received from Mr. E. H. Phillips of the Ministry of Health, enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Ministry of Labour, with reference to the shortage of facilities for training for the examinations of the Central Midwives Board, and asking for the observations of the Board upon the matter.

It was resolved that a reply be sent to the Minister of Health in the terms of a draft letter submitted by the Chairman.

A letter was considered from Miss R. E. Squire, of the Training Department of the Ministry of Labour, reporting complaints by pupil midwives with regard to the conditions under which an Approved Midwife conducts training, and in connection therewith the report from the Medical Officer of Health.

It was resolved that the midwife in question be informed of the accusations, and that she be invited to show cause why she should not be removed from the list of Approved Teachers.

A letter was considered and signed by all the Examiners at the Birmingham Centre, suggesting (a) that the number of examiners at the Birmingham Centre be increased from six to eight; (b) that John Furneaux Jordon, F.R.C.S., and William Alexander Potts, M.D., be appointed examiners; (c) that in view of the decreased value of money, the Examiners' fees be increased.

It was resolved to accede to (a) and (b) and, in regard to (c) that the Examiners at the Birmingham Centre be informed that if they will forward to the Board a request from the Examiners at all the Examination Centres that the fees be increased, with reasons therefor, the Board will favourably consider such request.

A letter was received from the County Medical Officer of Health for the County of Essex asking the Board to consider (on the grounds more par-

ticularly mentioned in the letter) the advisability of midwives inserting in their Registers of Cases all cases attended by them whether as midwives or as monthly nurses.

It was resolved that the County Medical Officer of Health for Essex be informed that the Board, having carefully considered the proposal, regrets that it feels unable to recommend the change suggested by him.

A letter was considered from the Director of Lands and Accommodation with reference to the question of the Board removing its offices to the Fourth Floor of No. 1 Queen Anne's Gate Buildings.

It was further resolved that the Director of Lands and Accommodation be approached with a view to the Board being permitted to continue the occupation of the Fifth Floor at the present rent, and otherwise on the terms contained in the Agreement for the lease of the Fourth Floor as far as they are appropriate to such occupation.

### APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted:—

*For Approval as Training School.*—King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff.

*For Approval as Lecturer.*—Isaac Bernard Barclay, M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Hugh John Couchman, M.B., John Ralph Dingley, M.R.C.S., Charles Noon, F.R.C.S.

*For Approval as Teacher, by Certified Midwives.*—Cecilia Ada Howie (No. 49,253), Millicent Eliza Tansley (No. 40,617), Daisy Frances Tough (No. 25,780),

*From Five Certified Midwives on the Scottish or Irish Rolls* to be certified by the Board under Section 10 of the Midwives Act, 1918. Granted on payment of the fee of one guinea. A sixth application was refused.

*For Voluntary Removal of Name from the Roll.*—From three Midwives.

A fourth application was not granted.

### PENAL CASES.

A special meeting of the Central Midwives' Board for hearing charges alleged against certified midwives, was held on Thursday, May 20th.

*Struck off the Roll and Certificate cancelled,* Martha Buckley (No. 9778), Janet Glover (No. 17802).

*Judgment Deferred* (Report of L.S.A. to be asked for in three and six months' time), Mary Clark (No. 13180).

*Cautioned* (Report of L.S.A. in three and six months' time,) Emily Olliff (No. 19000).

*Cautioned,* Ann Ellen Jones (No. 8070).

The name of Eliza Slade (London) was restored to the Roll.

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