

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

The Monthly meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Thursday, January 22nd, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

Letters were received from Dr. Stookes, addressed to the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Fothergill and Dr. Fletcher Shaw with reference to the Resolution of the Board at its last meeting that the teaching of responsible authorities must be accepted by examiners, and the draft of a letter which the Chairman proposed to send to Dr. Stookes was approved.

A letter was received from the Chairman of Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End referring to the position in which the authorities of the Hospital find themselves owing to no teacher of pupil midwives having been approved by the Board, and asking the Board to assist them. The Board approved the draft of a letter submitted by the Chairman.

The Board also decided on a reply to a pupil midwife at that hospital who wrote asking the advice of the Board as to her position, in consequence of there being no trainer of midwives at that institution. It decided to permit two pupil midwives to count the lectures, time and cases already to their credit, but to inform them that any further training and cases which may be necessary to enable them to sit for the Board's Examination must be taken elsewhere under an approved teacher.

The Secretary reported the result of a Conference between representatives of the Central Midwives Board, the Ministry of Health, and the Board of Education. The conclusions arrived at by the members of the Conference were approved.

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted:—

For Approval as Teachers (Medical Practitioners).—Mabel Emily Gates, M.D.; Thomas Oates Halliwell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.; Alexander George Hamilton, M.B.; Frank Graham Lescher, M.B.; Charles Edward Potter, M.D., and William Hudson, M.D. (pro hac vice).

For Approval as Teacher (Certified Midwives).—Alice Walkling, No. 32,814; Frances Annie Wood, No. 33,295; Elizabeth Prince (pro hac vice).

ALTERATION IN FORM OF QUESTIONS.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee the Board decided that certain alterations in and additions to the Forms of Questions to be answered by institutions applying to be fully recognized for the purpose of training pupil midwives, and by persons applying for approval as lecturers to or trainers of pupil midwives be made, and that the Forms, as submitted, be approved.

CERTIFICATION OF SCOTTISH AND IRISH MIDWIVES.

The applications of seventeen Scottish and Irish midwives to be certified under Section 10 of the Midwives Act were granted conditionally upon the payment by each one of the fee of one guinea.

PENAL CASES.

A special meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Thursday, January 22nd, at 10.30 a.m.

Sir Francis Champneys moved, and it was agreed: "That the Resolution of the Board at its meeting of April 16th, 1919, directing the Secretary to remove the name of Lucy Smith, No. 30861, from the Roll of Midwives, and to cancel her certificate, be, and is hereby rescinded."

After hearing the charges alleged against the following certified midwives, the Board directed the Secretary to remove their names from the Roll and to cancel their certificates.

Sarah Edge (No. 9894), Harriet Summerell (No. 16432).

ALCOHOL AND INFANCY.

The National Baby Week Council (17A, Cavendish Square, London W. 1) has published in leaflet form an address on "Alcohol and Infancy," by Dr. C. W. Saleeby, M.D., F.R.S.S., F.Z.S., Chairman of the National Birthrate Commission, which was originally given at the annual meeting of the above Council in October of last year, and has now been revised and amplified for publication. Like all that Dr. Saleeby writes on this and kindred subjects, it is extremely well worth reading. It may be obtained from the Secretary at the above address price, including postage, 3d. for a single copy, or 2s. per dozen.

ROBINSON'S "PATENT" BARLEY.

As most nurses and midwives know—dried, or condensed, milk is milk from which the water has been extracted, and, by the addition of water according to the instructions given, the milk is reconstituted.

A great difficulty of feeding an infant on cow's milk is the large curd formed in the stomach, as the proportions of the component parts of cow's milk differ from those of human milk, and a solid and undigestible mass of curd forms in the infant's stomach. The same difficulty occurs with condensed milk reconstituted with water. This may be overcome by reconstituting the condensed milk with barley water made from Robinson's "Patent" Barley (Keen, Robinson & Co., Ltd., London, E. 1). The effect of the barley is to separate the curd of the milk, thus rendering the latter digestible, even by delicate infants.

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