

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board's Offices, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, on Thursday, July 22nd, Sir Francis Champneys in the Chair.

APPLICATIONS.

For Approval as Lecturer.—The applications of the following medical practitioners were granted:—Andrew Lowry McCully, M.B.; Laura Gertrude Powell, M.D., D.P.H.

For Approval as Teacher.—The applications of the following midwives were also granted:—Midwives Ellen Beatrice Bullard (No. 8734), Maud Ethel Catherwood (No. 42047), Mary Birkett Franks (No. 43255), and Mary Hurwitz (No. 28356).

The Secretary reported the presentation by a candidate for examination of a certificate of birth which had been tampered with, and it was decided that the candidate be not admitted to examination before November, 1920.

Applications were considered from four women to be certified by the Board under Section 10 of the Midwives Act, 1918, by reason of holding the certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland, obtained otherwise than by examination.

It was agreed that the training undergone, and the examinations passed, by the applicants being equivalent to the standard adopted by the Board, their names be entered on the Midwives' Roll, on the payment of the fee of one guinea.

For Voluntary Removal.—Applications from two midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll were granted, and the Secretary was directed to cancel their certificates.

PENAL CASES.

A Special Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, on July 22nd, for the hearing of charges alleged against six midwives with the following results:—

Struck off the Roll and Certificates Cancelled.—Midwives Mary Ann Richardson (No. 9519) and Martha Fogg Wilde (No. 3641).

Judgment Postponed (Report of Local Super-vising Authority to be asked for in 3 and 6 months' time).—Midwives Jane Anne Leech (No. 14251), Ann Jane Parrett (No. 10264), Elisabeth Coulter (No. 38877).

Cautioned.—Midwife Mary Crookston Coulter (No. 48705).

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR IRELAND.

The Central Midwives Board for Ireland held their first examination for Midwives on the 8th and 9th inst. The examination took place simultaneously at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, the Queen's University, Belfast, and University College, Cork.

The undermentioned 62 candidates passed satisfactorily:—

Belfast Maternity Hospital.—H. S. Coulter, R. H. Dickson, M. Emerson, G. M. Fleming, G. H. M. Greenham, M. McPhillips, M. B. Salton, S. H. Smyth, M. J. Stewart, E. B. M. Thomas.

Belfast Workhouse Infirmary.—D. Drennar, C. Galbraith, J. M. Graham, M. M. Harkness, B. McClenaghlan, M. McKee.

Belfast, Malone Place Refuge.—E. A. Kyle.

Coombe Hospital.—H. F. Brennan, N. Creyne, T. Crumlisk, J. Frayne, M. Graham, A. Healion, G. M. Long, M. M. Macken, C. Makin, B. O'Brien, M. O'Driscoll, E. G. L. Rutter, A. Ryan, H. M. Ryle.

Cork Lying-in Hospital.—B. McCarthy, M. Mason, K. O'Sullivan, V. L. Robertson.

Dublin, National Maternity Hospital.—J. Arrol, E. C. Brannigah, L. M. Casserly, M. Clancy, B. Cooke, B. M. Doyle, A. J. Halligan, M. A. Hennessy, E. M. Regan, D. M. Valentine.

Dublin, Rotunda Hospital.—R. E. Alcock, A. E. Burns, T. Byrne, A. W. Cameron, B. H. C. Collett, L. Dodds, A. M. Dowling, F. Drewitt, E. M. Horan, E. Harris, M. Hayes, A. M. Mooney, N. Murray, M. C. Napper, M. E. Orr, M. M. Swift.

Lurgan Workhouse Infirmary.—M. A. Flanagan.

LONGEVITY IN SOMERSET.

Dr. W. Edelstein Bracey (Wedmore, Somerset) writes in the *British Medical Journal*:—"It is somewhat refreshing in these days of hustle and strain to come across long-lived families. I was recently called to a confinement, and in the absence of a nurse my principal assistant was the great-grandmother, ably seconded by the grandmother, the mother having an excellent time in being delivered of a fine healthy boy. Within a few hours I was called to a similar case quite close to the first, this case going even one better, for the midwife in attendance proved to be the baby's great aunt, and was assisted by the grandmother, the great-great-grandfather being packed off to bed out of the way, while the husband and grandfather were despatched by the great aunt to fetch me! It is a matter of some regret to me that the absence in America of the great-grandmother broke the sequence of generations under a single roof that would otherwise have constituted, I fancy, very nearly a record."

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