

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

The Monthly Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Wednesday, March 23rd, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

The Penal Cases Committee reported notice of an Appeal to the High Courts from the decision of the Board.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

A letter was considered from the Clerk of the London County Council drawing attention to the fact that in certain hospitals the training of medical students in midwifery is undertaken by midwives who have not been approved as Teachers by the Board, and who consequently have not had to furnish evidence of competence, and suggesting that steps should be taken to remedy this condition of affairs.

It was decided that the Clerk of the London County Council be informed that in the opinion of the Board the training of medical students is a matter which concerns the General Medical Council and not the Board.

A letter was considered from the Secretary of the Bristol General Hospital conveying a request by the Committee of that Hospital that the number of Examinations held annually at the Bristol Centre might be increased to at least four. Also a letter supporting the request from the Cornwall County Nursing Association.

It was decided that the Bristol General Hospital be informed that additional examinations at Bristol and Birmingham would entail an extra expenditure of some £60 per annum, and be asked whether they are prepared to guarantee any extra expenditure entailed.

A letter was received from the Deputy Clerk of the London County Council with reference to the decision of the Board at the last meeting on the question of the jurisdiction of the Local Supervising Authority over a certified midwife whilst acting as a monthly nurse.

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL.

The Committee recommended that the following applications for approval as lecturer be granted:—Harry Newbold Crossley, Esq., M.B., D.P.H.; Aubrey Goodwin, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.; Robert Hardie, Esq., M.D.; Samuel Walter Maslen Jones, Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S.

(a) That the following application for approval as teacher be granted:—Midwife, Lila Appleton (No. 7737).

(b) That the following application be granted for the district cases for the pupils at the Gateshead Institution Workhouse:—Midwife, Ann Laidlaw (No. 32331) for supervising.

(c) That the following application be granted *pro hac vice*:—Midwife, May Jameson (No. 49780). The applications were granted.

The Secretary reported the presentation by a candidate for the April Examination of a certificate of birth which had been tampered with.

It was resolved that she be not admitted to any Examination of the Board prior to that of April, 1922.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS.

The Secretary reported that the following Examiners had tendered their resignations, viz.:—

London Centre.—Dr. Thomas George Stevens.

Liverpool and Manchester Centre.—Dr. Alexander Stookes.

Birmingham Centre.—Dr. Christopher Martin.

The Board decided that their best thanks be conveyed to these gentlemen for their services.

It was resolved that Harold Chapple, Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S., be appointed an Examiner at the London Centre, and Miss Frances Ivens, M.B., M.S., at the Liverpool and Manchester Centre.

RECIPROCAL CERTIFICATION.

The Secretary reported that in conformity with the Board's resolutions of July 25th, 1918, and October 14th, 1920, he had placed on the Roll the names of eleven women holding a Certificate of having passed the Examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland or the Central Midwives Board for Ireland, as the case may be.

LIST OF EXAMINERS AND LECTURERS.

It was resolved that the Lists of Examiners and Lecturers submitted by the Secretary be approved for the year ensuing April 1st.

LIST OF APPROVED INSTITUTIONS, HOMES AND MIDWIVES.

It was resolved that the List of Institutions, Homes, and Midwives at which, and under whom, pupil midwives may be trained submitted by the Secretary be approved for the year ensuing April 1st next.

The Board having considered a draft of the Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Bill, resolved that the Middlesex County Council be informed that the Board sees no objection to the Middlesex County Council (General Powers) Bill, 1921, in so far as it affects the Registration of Lying-in Homes in the County of Middlesex.

A Special Meeting of the Central Midwives Board for the hearing of the charges alleged against certified midwives was held on March 23rd, with the following results:—*Struck off the Roll.*—Mary Ann Whitney (No. 20034). *Severely Censured.*—Elizabeth Oram (No. 18700). *Report of L.S.A. asked for in 3 and 6 months' time.*—Margaret Ann Smith (No. 27595), Jessie Tallis (No. 42933).

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