

The Midwife.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

The meeting of the Central Midwives Board on April 20th was memorable because the new members of the enlarged Board took their seats for the first time, including Miss M. E. Pearson and Miss A. E. Pollard nominated by the Midwives Institute. The midwife members were introduced to the Chairman by Miss Rosalind Paget, and welcomed by him. He also spoke of the services which had been rendered by Mrs. Latter to the Board in appreciative terms.

Sir Francis Champneys, Bart, was re-elected chairman, and is now entering upon his twentieth year of office.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister of Health approves for the purpose of the apportionment of contributions from Local Supervising Authorities, the balance of £4,905 18s. 9d. shown against the Board in the financial statement for the year 1920. Also a letter from the Ministry of Health stating that the Minister of Health concurs as to the reasonableness of the proposed scale of expenses of witnesses attending, on behalf of the prosecution, at the hearing of Penal Cases, approved by the Board at its meeting on December 21st last.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Board received the report of the Standing Committee that they had carefully considered a large number of suggestions for the amending of the Rules, and had now completed the revision. It was agreed that the copy of the revised rules initialled by the Chairman be approved by the Board, and that the Minister of Health be asked to approve the same and to order that the new Rules should come into force on July 1st next for a period of five years.

The Committee further reported that they had appointed the following members to constitute the Approval Sub-Committee: The Lady Mabelle Egerton, Dr. J. S. Fairbairn, Miss Rosalind Paget, Mr. C. Sangster, Miss M. Olive Haydon.

The Board granted the applications of Dr. Richard J. Edwards and Dr. Gilbert Innes Strachan for approval as Lecturer, and Midwife Olive Noel Andrews (No. 39,523) for approval as teacher.

An application from Midwife Margaret McKeivitt to be certified under Section 10 of the Midwives Act, 1918, was granted on payment of the fee of one guinea, the standard of training she had undergone at the National Maternity Hospital, Dublin, and the examination at that hospital passed by her, and accepted by the Central Midwives Board for Ireland, being equivalent to the standard adopted by the Board.

The names of four other midwives holding a certificate of having passed the examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, or Ireland, were also placed on the Roll.

MIDWIVES ROLL NOT TO BE PRINTED FOR 1921.

It was resolved that having regard to the great expense involved in printing the Midwives Roll at the present time the Roll for 1921 be not printed, but that the Provisional Rolls for 1921 be printed as usual.

THE NOMINEES OF THE INCORPORATED MIDWIVES' INSTITUTE.

Miss M. E. Pearson is the Hon. Secretary of the Midwives Institute, and has had experience of organising midwifery all over the country, as well as of Maternity and Child Welfare Work, and holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute in this branch.

Miss A. E. Pollard is the President of the Association of Inspectors of Midwives, and is a trained nurse as well as a certified midwife. She received her midwifery training at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, and has had experience of training pupils in poor law midwifery. She has practised as a midwife in the North of England, and is Inspector of Midwives in the County of Middlesex.

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PROGRAMME OF THE NINTH ANNUAL POST-GRADUATE WEEK FOR MIDWIVES MAY 23-27 (INCLUSIVE).

MAY 23RD, MONDAY.

- 4 p.m. Reception by Matron and Staff—Tea.
- 5 p.m. Inaugural Lecture by Dr. Fairbairn—"The Management of Delayed Labour on Physiological Lines."

MAY 24TH, TUESDAY.

- 11 a.m. Clinic in the Wards on Abnormal Cases—Mr. Richardson.
- 2 p.m. Meet at the Hospital—York Road Infants' Clinic, or Dr. Truby King's Babies of the Empire—Burroughs Welcome Museum.
- 6 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Jewesbury—"Management of Breast Feeding, Some Difficulties in the Establishment of Lactation."

MAY 25TH, WEDNESDAY.

- 11 a.m. Clinic in the Wards conducted by the Ward Sisters.
- 3 p.m. Lecture by Professor Louise McIlroy—"The Uses of Morphina During Labour."
- 6 p.m. Lecture by Miss Olive Haydon—"Co-operation with Other Health Agencies."

MAY 26TH, THURSDAY.

- 11 a.m. Demonstration on the preparation of Artificial Feeds. Dr. Roy's Clinic for Pupil Midwives.

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