

# The Midwife.

## THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Thursday, May 19th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

The correspondence included:—

(1) A letter from Mrs. Latter, conveying her appreciation of the resolution with regard to her, passed by the Board at its last meeting;

(2) A letter from Mr. R. H. H. Keenlyside, of the Ministry of Health, forwarding for the information of the Board copies of the Central Midwives' Board (Term of Office) Order, 1921, which gives effect to the representation made by the Board on January 20th, 1921, that each of the members of the Board who, according to the Central Midwives' Board (Constitution) Order, 1920, are to be appointed for a term of three years, should be appointed annually, instead of for a term of three years.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, which had further considered a letter from the Controller of the Training Department of the Ministry of Labour as to the teaching and general training conducted by an Approved Midwife, and had also considered a Report from the Local Supervisory Authority in connection therewith, it was resolved that the substance of the allegations be communicated to the Midwife, and that she be asked to send her observations thereon.

It was decided to thank Dr. Janet Campbell, of the Ministry of Health, for her letter to the Chairman, enclosing a copy of a letter addressed by the Home Office to the Midwives' Institute, stating that by virtue of the Regulations to be issued under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, certified Midwives, who have notified their intention to practice, will be authorised under appropriate conditions to purchase and be in possession of medicinal opium for use in the practice of midwifery.

In reply to a letter from the Town Clerk of Colchester, enclosing a resolution of the Colchester Borough Council, deprecating the present arrangements for the supervision of Midwives in the Borough, and expressing the opinion that such supervision should be in the hands of the Local Medical Officer of Health, it was decided "That the Colchester Borough Council be informed that by Section 12 of the Midwives' Act, 1918, County Councils are prohibited from delegating their powers and duties under the Midwives' Act, 1902, and further, that the experience obtained by the Board during the period prior to the passing of the Midwives' Act, 1918, would not lead it to favour legislation repealing Section 12 of that Act."

The following applications were granted:—

*For approval as Lecturer:* Charles Dundas Maitland, Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S., and Robert Younger, Esq., M.B.;

*For approval as Teachers:* Midwives Bertha Lucy Fenn (No. 37,912), Matilda Elizabeth Laws (No. 6,208), Caroline Montrose (No. 47,721), Matilda Stone (No. 73), Emma Tarry (No. 33,233), Eliza Anne Walker (No. 43,603), Edith Elizabeth Waring (No. 43,605).

The Secretary reported the presentation of three Certificates of Birth or of Baptism which had been tampered with. It was decided in one case that the candidate should not be admitted to any examination of the Board, and in the others that the candidates should not be admitted to any examination prior to that of August 3rd, 1921.

It was decided to increase the number of Examiners at the Bristol Centre to six.

Applications to be certified by the Board under Section 10 of the Midwives' Act, 1918, were considered, and it was decided that the standard of training undergone by them at the Coombe Hospital, Dublin, and the examination passed by them and accepted by the Central Midwives' Board for Ireland being equivalent to the standard adopted by the Board, their names should be entered on the Roll on payment of the fee of one guinea.

The Secretary reported that in conformity with the Board's resolution of July 25, 1918, he had placed on the Roll the names of five Midwives certified as having passed the Examination of the Central Midwives' Board for Scotland.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

### EXAMINATION PAPER.

1. What are the uses of the Liquor Amnii in Pregnancy and Labour? Describe the effects of Hydramnios on Labour and its dangers to the mother and child.
2. What are the chief Danger Signals for which a Midwife ought to be on the outlook during the first four months of Pregnancy? Describe the treatment of any two of them.
3. Give the diagnosis and management of a Breech Presentation. What are the dangers (a) to mother and (b) to child?
4. In what circumstances is it necessary to catheterise a patient? Describe in detail the method of passing the instrument.
5. What are the signs of Prematurity in the New-born child? What are the difficulties which may be encountered in the management of a premature child? How should these be dealt with?
6. What do you consider to be meant by "Serious Skin Eruptions" in the Rules of the Central Midwives Board, and what is your duty with regard to them?

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