

The Midwife.

SCOTTISH BOARD OF HEALTH.

MIDWIVES (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1915.

We print below the constitution of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland as from February 1st, 1921, with the appointing body and the members appointed:

IN TERMS OF SECTION 3 (1) OF THE ACT.

Scottish Board of Health (3 members, two of whom shall be midwives practising in Scotland).—Miss Alice Helen Turnbull, Superintendent Health Visitor, Maternity and Child Welfare Department, Edinburgh. Midwives practising in Scotland: Miss Isabella Lewis Scrimgeour, Superintendent, Cottage Nurses' Training Home, Govan; Miss Kate Leslie Scott, Chairman of Council of Scottish Midwives' Association, 15, Carden Place, and 1, Carden Terrace, Aberdeen.

IN TERMS OF SECTION 3 (2) OF THE ACT.

Association of County Councils for Scotland (one member).—Sir Archibald Buchan-Hepburn, Bart. (Convener of Haddington County Council), Letham, Haddington.

Convention of Royal Burghs of Scotland (one member).—Sir Robert Cranston, K.C.V.O., &c., 19, Merchiston Avenue, Edinburgh.

Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses Scottish Branch (one member).—James Haig Ferguson, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.E., 7, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh.

Society of Medical Officers of Health of Scotland (one member).—Dr. A. Campbell Munro.

IN TERMS OF SECTION 3 (3) OF THE ACT.

University Courts of the Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews (one member, conjointly).—Professor J. A. C. Kynock, Professor of Midwifery in the University of St. Andrews.

University Courts of the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen (one member, conjointly).—Professor Robert Gordon McKerron, M.A., M.D., Professor of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, 2, Queen's Terrace, Aberdeen.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (one member, conjointly).—Dr. Robert Jardine, F.R.F.P.S. (Glasgow), 20, Royal Crescent, Glasgow.

Scottish Committee of British Medical Association (two members).—Dr. Michael Dewar, 5, Chalmers Street, Edinburgh. Dr. E. H. L. Oliphant, 23, Newton Place, Glasgow.

The retiring members of the Board, which has held office for three years, are the Chairman (Sir Halliday Croom, M.D., F.R.C.P.), the Lady Balfour of Burleigh, the Lady Susan Gordon Gilmour, Sir Robert Kirk Inches, Professor Murdoch Cameron M.D., C.M., and John Wishart Kerr, Esq., M.B., Ch.B.

The three members formerly appointed by the Lord President of the Council are now appointed by the Scottish Board of Health

Two members of the Board, while retaining their seats, represent different interests. Miss Turnbull, nominated by the Lord President of the Council, as a certified midwife practising in Scotland, is not now so practising, and is succeeded in this capacity by Miss Kate Leslie Scott, who holds the certificate of the General Hospital, Leith, as a trained nurse, and obtained admission to the Midwives Roll in virtue of holding the L.O.S. Certificate. Miss Turnbull, however, retains her seat as a nominee of the Scottish Board of Health, *vice* The Lady Balfour of Burleigh, thus giving an additional midwife on the Board. Dr. James Haig Ferguson, formerly appointed by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, and the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow conjointly, is now appointed by the Scottish Branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute.

PRACTISING MIDWIVES.

It is a matter of common knowledge that many women who obtain the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board do not practise as Midwives. The Board has, therefore, adopted the practice of prefixing a dagger in the Midwives' Roll to the name of every woman appearing in the lists returned to it by the Local Supervising Authority as having notified her intention to practise. In 1919 the total number of practising midwives was thus ascertained to be 11,488, of whom 7,865 or 68.5 per cent. are trained, and 3,623 or 3.5 per cent. are untrained. On March 31st, 1920, the latest date covered by the Report of the Work of the Board, the Midwives' Roll contained the names of 45,960 midwives, of whom 37,056 are trained. There is, therefore, a large reserve of certified midwives which could be attracted to midwifery work if the conditions of service, pay and emoluments were made attractive to them.

INFANT WEIGHT CHART.

Messrs. H. K. Lewis & Co., Ltd., of 136, Gower Street, and 24, Gower Place, W.C.1, have published a very excellent Infant Weight Chart (1 oz. scale) price 2s. 6d. net, which would be most useful to midwives and maternity nurses, and as it extends over a period of 26 weeks they would be able to instruct the mother how to keep the chart with great benefit to the infant, for the weight chart is an excellent evidence of a child's condition.

The chart measures 24½ ins. by 20 ins., and is arranged to measure 8 ins. by 5 ins. when folded in cover. It is divided for daily records, each week being marked off by a thicker line. The daily space is for recording increase or decrease in ounces, and at the left hand side the weight in lbs. and ½ lbs. is indicated.

We commend this useful chart to our readers.

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