

The Midwife.

HEADQUARTERS FOR MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Central Council for Infant and Child Welfare has removed to 117, Piccadilly, W. This house is the gift of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, who have purchased the lease, and it is held in trust for the Central Council by Trustees.

The Institute is to be the Headquarters of the Voluntary Movement for Maternity and Child Welfare throughout England and Wales, and the following Societies have taken offices in the building:—

Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres.

Invalid Children's Aid Association.

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality.

National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare.

National Society of Day Nurseries.

National Baby Week Council.

National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child.

London Federation of Infant Welfare Centres.

The Institute will be formally opened early in the New Year.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, S.W., on Thursday, November 17th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Letters were received from Sir Edward and Lady Ozanne with reference to the training of pupil midwives in Guernsey, and it was decided to reply that the Board would be prepared to consider favourably a suitable scheme for the training and inspection of pupil midwives, and Sir Edward and Lady Ozanne were invited to submit a scheme when prepared.

A letter was received from the Director of the Division of Nursing, Public Health Department, New Zealand, enquiring as to the terms on which midwives registered under the New Zealand Act, after passing the State Examination, may be accepted for registration in England under Section 10 of the Midwives Act, 1918.

It was decided to reply that in the opinion of the Board the standard of midwifery in New Zealand is not equivalent to the standard adopted by the Board, as it is not essential that all pupils shall attend a course of at least twenty lectures delivered by a registered medical practitioner extending over a period corresponding with that required by the Board, nor that such practitioner shall be approved by the midwifery authority.

The Board has decided that when the con-

ditions under which badges are granted to Trained and Registered Nurses are settled, it will favourably consider the Petition of Midwives for a Badge.

It also decided to reply to the Matron of the General Lying-in Hospital that a six months' course of instruction at the East London Hospital for Children would exempt a pupil from one of the six months' training required by the Board.

In reference to a letter from the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association taking exception to the administration of opium and petitritin by midwives except under medical direction, the Board replied that in its experience of nearly nineteen years it had never had a case before it in which a midwife had been found to have administered a drug improperly.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

At the recent examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, held simultaneously in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, and Aberdeen, 116 candidates appeared. Of this number 102 were successful and 14 were rejected.

MIDWIFERY NURSES STRUCK OFF ROLL.

At a meeting of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland for the hearing of Penal Cases, Dr. J. Haig Fergusson in the chair, Mrs. Selina Ryan, 67, Queen Street, Govan, Glasgow, was found guilty of negligence and breaches of the Rules while in attendance on two patients who died.

The Board found the charges proved, instructed the Secretary to remove the name of Mrs. Selina Ryan from the Roll of Midwives, and issued an Order that she be prohibited from attending women in childbirth in any other capacity.

At the same diet Mrs. Elizabeth Hay, 79, Belville Street, Greenock, holding the certificate of the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, was charged with failure to notify a case of ophthalmia neonatorum and, while in attendance on a patient who died, she was found guilty of negligence and breaches of the Rules.

The Board found the charges proved, instructed the Secretary to remove the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Hay from the Roll of Midwives, and issued an Order that she be prohibited from attending women in childbirth in any other capacity.

"MIDWIFERY NURSES."

We doubt if the use of the title, "Midwifery Nurse" is legal under the Midwives Acts, and we regret to see it used by the Central Midwives Board for Scotland. We believe the legal title of women registered under the Midwives Acts is "Certified Midwife," and now that nursing, like Medicine, is a profession defined by Act of Parliament, we hope the word "Nurse" will be deleted for the future from use in connection with midwives struck off the Midwives Rolls.

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