

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

MONTHLY MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Wednesday, December 21st, Sir Francis Champneys, Bart., presiding.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Standing Committee was received, and its recommendations adopted.

A letter was received from Sir Edward Ozanne thanking the Board for the interest which it is taking in the training of pupil midwives in Guernsey, and one from Lady Ozanne forwarding for approval a Draft Scheme for the training of pupil midwives in Guernsey.

It was decided that (subject to certain amendments) the scheme for the training of pupil midwives in Guernsey as submitted by Lady Ozanne be approved.

A letter was received from the Medical Secretary of the Medical Women's Federation forwarding a copy of the following Resolution on the question of the administration of drugs by midwives passed by the Council of the Medical Women's Federation:—

"That the attention of the Medical Women's Federation having been drawn to the recent order of the Minister of Health permitting midwives to carry Opium, urges that this order be withdrawn in view of the dangers involved to the parturient woman and child. They would also point out that Pituitrin is also being widely used and similar restrictions should be exercised."

It was resolved, that a copy of the Resolution on the question of the administration of drugs by midwives passed by the Board at its last meeting be forwarded to the Medical Secretary of the Medical Women's Federation. (We notified this Resolution in our last report.)

A letter was received from the Deputy Town Clerk of Manchester forwarding a copy of the following Resolution on the question of the administration of preparations containing Opium by midwives passed by the Manchester City Council:—

"That this Sub-Committee being of opinion that it is a dangerous practice for midwives to carry and administer preparations containing Opium, consider that such authority of the Secretary of State should be revoked, and that representations be made with that object to the Ministry of Health, and the Central Midwives Board."

It was resolved that a copy of the Resolution on the question of the administration of drugs by midwives passed by the Board at its last meeting be forwarded to the Deputy Town Clerk of Manchester.

A letter was received from Miss K. Caldwell, who has been certified as a midwife by the authorities in the Transvaal, asking that she might be admitted

to Examination without undergoing further training.

It was resolved that inasmuch as Miss K. Caldwell requires one month's further approved midwifery training and the personal delivery by her of eight more cases in order to make her training equivalent to the standard prescribed by the Board, she be not admitted to Examination until she has undergone such additional training and has delivered the number of cases mentioned.

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted:—

Of Medical Practitioners for Approval as Lecturers.—Noel Morley Herbert, Esq., L.R.C.P. and S.; Dr. Margaret Kay Cameron, M.B.

Of Certified Midwives for Approval as Teacher.—Midwife Florence Sarah Potter (No. 44568), and, subject to certain conditions, Midwife Alice Adelina Carpenter (No. 52228), Midwife Charlotte Dickson (No. 36758).

MIDWIVES FROM SCOTLAND AND IRELAND ENROLLED.

The applications of four midwives to be placed on the Roll were approved on the ground that they hold the certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland obtained in virtue of the possession of the Certificate of the Hospital specified in each case, gained after training and examination, such training being equivalent to the standard adopted by the Board.

The Secretary reported that in conformity with the Board's Resolution of July 25th, 1918, he had placed on the Roll the names of four women holding a certificate of having passed the Examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland.

REMOVAL FROM ROLL.

Four applications for removal from the Roll on the grounds of old age and ill-health were granted and the Secretary was directed to remove the names and to cancel the certificates.

PENAL BOARD.

A Special Meeting of the Central Midwives Board for the purpose of hearing charges alleged against seven women was held at 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings on Wednesday, December 21st, with the following results:—

Struck Off the Roll and Certificates Cancelled.—Midwives Emily Matilda Garrad (No. 23733), Mary Jane Kelsey (No. 1399), Emily Moore (No. 6080)—not to be permitted to attend maternity cases in any capacity. Sarah Ann Skinner (No. 2253).

Cautioned.—Midwife Mary E. A. Evans (No. 13700) (concerning whom a report was to be asked for from the Local Supervising Authority in three and six months' time). Midwife Martha Coleman (No. 20983).

The consideration of one case was adjourned.