

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

JUNE EXAMINATION.

The list of successful candidates at the June Examination held by the authority of the Central Midwives Board in London and the provinces, is now published, the results being as follows:—Candidates examined, 648; candidates passed, 500. The percentage of failures was 22.8.

MONTHLY MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held in the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Wednesday, June 28, Sir Francis Champneys, Chairman of the Board, presiding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from Mr. R. H. Keenlyside of the Ministry of Health, stating that the Minister of Health approves the Rules as they now stand for a further period of one year from July 1st next.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

A letter was received from Mr. F. Slator, of the Ministry of Health, stating that the Minister of Health notes that only the question of opium is dealt with in the Memorandum recently prepared by the Board on the subject of the administration of drugs by midwives, and that he will be glad to be furnished with the observations of the Board on the subject of the use of Pituitrin by midwives.

It was agreed that a reply be sent to the Minister of Health in terms of a Memorandum drafted by the Chairman and unanimously approved by the Board.

A letter was received from the Town Clerk of Manchester enclosing a copy of a Resolution passed by the Maternity and Child Welfare Sub-Committee of the Manchester City Council reaffirming the Resolution in relation to the administration of preparations of opium by midwives, and making representations to the Ministry of Health and the Central Midwives Board for the revocation of such authority.

It was agreed that no action be taken.

The Board authorised the Chairman to deal with letters from the Assistant Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare for the City of Hull, and Mrs. Edith Sibery (No. 2980) with reference to the question of the suspension of midwives at the Hull Lying-in Charity to prevent the spread of infection.

A letter was received from the Manager of Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., stating that the Company's scheme of advertising, to which the Board took exception, having been suspended would not be revived.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

For Approval as Teacher.—Registered Medical

Practitioner: Miss Phyllis Decima Dixon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (subject to conditions).

Midwives: Midwives Ada Bertha Smith (No. 53977) and Mira Julia Walley (No. 29725).

To be Certified by the Board Under Section 10 of the Midwives Act, 1918.—Midwife Kate Geernaert (Rotunda Hospital, Dublin), Midwife Elizabeth Hannaford (National Maternity Hospital, Dublin)

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

DEATH OF AN EXAMINER.

The Secretary reported the death of Dr. Gordon Ley, one of the Board's Examiners at the London Centre, and the Board recorded its deep sympathy with Dr. Ley's relatives, and its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him as an Examiner at the London Centre.

EXAMINER APPOINTED.

Dr. Stanley Gordon Luker, F.R.C.S., was appointed as one of the Board's Examiners at the London Centre.

APPARATUS AT THE BOARD'S EXAMINATIONS.

The Report from the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of apparatus at the Board's Examinations was received, and its recommendations adopted.

NATIONAL BABY WEEK.

National Baby Week is an annual fixture which has come to stay, and in London opened on Monday with a Conference at Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, W. The fixtures throughout the country are of all sorts, grave and gay, including the popular baby shows, which may or may not be of value according to whether or not they are conducted by experts, who really know what they are doing, on a scientific basis.

But, on one thing all are agreed—the supreme importance of the proper nurture of the child during his first year of life and, to go further back, of the health and care of the mother during the ante-natal period.

Even that is not the end, for we are coming clearly to understand that if a child is to be really well born he must have a good family history on both father and mother's side. Therefore, to those who take "long views" and wish to hand on the torch of life unimpaired, and burning clearly, the selection of a life's partner is not only governed by mutual attraction, but also by consideration of the welfare of their children and children's children.

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