

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, on July 27, Sir Francis Champneys, Bart, presiding.

A letter was received from Miss Puxley, of the Ministry of Health, stating the view of the Minister of Health on the subject of the use of Pituitrin by midwives, and asking for the observations of the Board thereon.

It was agreed that the Minister of Health be thanked for the expression of his views on the subject of the use of Pituitrin by midwives, and that he be informed that the Board has no observations to offer with regard thereto.

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Surrey County Council calling the attention of the Board to the Rule as to the use of drugs by midwives recently made by the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, and asking for the Board's views as to the desirability of adopting a similar Rule in this country.

It was agreed that the Clerk of the Surrey County Council be informed that the Central Midwives Board has always declined to schedule drugs except in so far as stated in Rule E. 19.

It was further agreed that a copy of the Board's Memorandum on the administration of drugs by midwives be forwarded to the Clerk of the Surrey County Council.

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Middlesex County Council reporting the case of a midwife who had administered to a patient a whiff of chloroform, but who had failed to record the fact in her Register of Cases, and asking for the Board's views as to the desirability of a midwife administering chloroform.

It was agreed to reply (1) That in failing to record the administration of "a whiff of chloroform" in her Register of Cases the midwife in question committed a breach of Rule E. 19. (2) The Board will be glad to know whether the Middlesex County Council are prepared to find a *prima facie* case in order that the midwife may be the subject of penal proceedings before the Central Midwives Board.

A letter was read from the Director, Division of Nursing, Department of Health, New Zealand, setting forth a ruling made by the Registrar of Midwives in New Zealand, as to the registration in New Zealand of midwives who hold the Board's Certificate.

It was agreed that the letter be received.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Manchester, Salford and District Branch of the National Council of Women forwarding the following Resolution which had been passed by the Council:—

This Branch of the National Council of Women is convinced that the present training of midwives is entirely inadequate to fit them for the heavy responsibilities of their work and urges upon the Central Midwives Board and the Ministry of Health the necessity for longer and more comprehensive training. It urges further that before making any such change careful investigations shall be made in this and other countries and the views of midwives and others in all branches of Maternity and Infant Welfare Work shall be considered.

It was agreed that the Resolution be taken into consideration when the revision of the Rules as to training takes place.

The Board expressed the hope that the District Branch of the National Council of Women will forward any information at their disposal to the Central Midwives Board.

A letter was read from Miss J. A. McRitchie asking that she may be admitted to Examination on a reduced period of midwifery training in consequence of the holding by her of a certificate of the General Nursing Council, granted as a result of general training at the Arbroath Infirmary.

It was resolved that the application be not granted.

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted:—

For Approval as Lecturer.—Alexander Croydon Palmer, M.B., F.R.C.S., Herbert Francis Parker, M.D., Alfred Henry Richardson, M.B., F.R.C.S., Mabel Garland Brodie, M.D.

For Approval as Teacher.—Medical Practitioner Lily Anita Baker, M.B., B.Ch.

Midwives.—Midwives Catharine Annie Arkcoll (No. 48635), Constance Mercy Campion (No. 49623), Daisy Irene Harrington (No. 35299), Annie Gilmour Gay (No. 24055).

And the following subject to conditions:—Laura Bruford (No. 34915), P. Melwyn Timmins (No. 45058).

The Board passed a Resolution recording its deep sympathy with the family of the late Sir Edward Maline and its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him as an Examiner at the Birmingham Centre.

THE BIRTH CONTROL NEWS.

The Birth Control News, the official organ of the Society for Constructive Birth Control and Racial Progress, is the second paper now devoted to this subject. It is a monthly paper, the headquarters of which are at 61, Marlborough Road, Holloway, N., and the price is 1d. The first number appeared in May of this year.

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