

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The Monthly Meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on April 26th, the Chairman, Sir Francis Champneys, Bart., M.D., F.R.C.P., presiding.

The first business was the election of Chairman, and Sir Francis Champneys was unanimously elected. We may recall to mind that, in July next, the Midwives' Act will have been in force twenty-one years, and during the whole of that time Sir Francis Champneys has filled the position of Chairman, and is invariably in his place, as is also Miss Rosalind Paget, who has been a member of the Board for a similar period, and we believe has never missed a meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Correspondence included a letter from Miss Z. L. Puxley (of the Ministry of Health), stating that the Minister of Health approves for the purpose of the apportionment of contributions from Local Supervising Authorities the balance of £5,280 11s. shown against the Board in the Financial Statement for the year 1922.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee reported that they had appointed the following members to constitute the Approvals Sub-Committee: Lady Mabelle Egerton, Dr. J. S. Fairbairn, Miss M. O. Haydon, Dr. R. A. Lystor, Miss Rosalind Paget, and Mr. C. Sangstor.

Letters were received from the Hon. Secretary of the Chipping Norton Nursing Association; and a certain candidate for Examination asking for a reversal of the Board's decision at its meeting in June last not to admit such candidate to Examination.

It was resolved that, notwithstanding any previous decision to the contrary, the candidate in question be admitted to Examination.

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted:—

For Approval as Lecturer.—Dr. Violet Ione Russell, Dr. John Wilson Tonks, F.R.C.S.; and, subject to certain conditions, Dr. Kathleen Lydia Cass, D.P.H., and Dr. Henry Evers, M.B., F.R.C.S.

For Approval as Teacher.—Midwives Sophia Coralie Billson (No. 23,299) and Dorothy Frances Anne Blizzard (No. 51,441); and, subject to conditions, Midwives Annie Eyre (No. 45,661), Florence Fox (No. 32,212), Lottie Emily Hart (No. 48,366), and Ada Hopwood (No. 24,101).

For Voluntary Removal from the Roll.—The names of three Midwives were removed from the

Roll on the grounds of old age and inability to comply with the Rules.

REVISION OF LIST OF LECTURERS.

The List of Lecturers submitted by the Secretary for the year ending March 31st, 1924, was approved, as was also the List of Institutions, Homes and Midwives at which, and under whom, pupil Midwives may be trained.

PENAL CASES.

At the Special Meeting of the Central Midwives' Board, held on the morning of April 26th, on a Final Report of Cases adjourned for judgment on the Report of the Local Supervising Authority, Midwife Rose Ann Barcroft (No. 46,704) was struck off the Roll.

In the cases of Midwives Mary Jane Alston (No. 3,355) and Ellen Emma Louisa Kett (No. 23,362), judgment was postponed for three and six months' reports.

BABY'S TOILET TRAY.

Louise Labriskie, R.N., has a few practical notes on Baby's Toilet Tray in this month's *American Journal of Nursing*.

The tray may be of glass, silver, papier mâché or white enamel, but whatever the tray it should contain:—

1. Container for the day's supply of sterile water for washing the mother's nipples before and after nursing.
 2. Container for day's supply of large cotton swabs for washing the mother's nipples.
 3. Container for day's supply of small swabs for cleansing baby's ears and nose.
 4. Container for day's supply of liquid albolene for cleansing buttocks when diapers are changed (shallow container like soap dish most practical).
 5. Hair receiver for day's supply of cotton to apply oil to cleanse buttocks.
 6. Cornucopia made of newspaper, fastened to edge of the tray for waste cotton and swabs.
 7. Bottle for day's supply of sterile water for "baby's drinks."
 8. Nursing bottle for giving baby water.
 9. Container for sterile nipples—the nipples to be boiled after using and kept in a dry jar.
 10. Cake of soap for use as a pin cushion. This is easier to keep clean than a pin cushion, it prevents pin pricks which are bound to occur if pin trays are used, and makes pins easier to use because the points are lubricated.
 11. Soap dish and cake of mild white soap for bath.
- If the eyes are to be washed, a jar of 2 per cent. Boric solution may be added.

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