

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

### EXAMINATION PAPER.

The following are the questions set in the Examination held by the Central Midwives Board on February 1st:—

1. Describe the organs concerned in the formation and passage of the urine.

Mention the different ways in which micturition may be affected during pregnancy and the puerperium.

2. Describe in detail the management of the Third Stage of Labour, giving your reasons for what you consider the most important item therein.

3. How would you recognise foetal distress? What condition may the child be in when born, and how would you deal with it?

4. What are After-pains? How are they caused, and how would you try to prevent them? If present, how would you treat them?

5. With what Public Authorities may you come into contact while practising as a midwife? What are your duties in regard to each in a case of (1) Puerperal infection; (2) Ophthalmia Neonatorum?

6. What appliances and drugs do you carry with you to a confinement?

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

At the meeting of the Board held for the election of office-bearers, Dr. James Haig Ferguson in the chair, Dr. Haig Ferguson was unanimously re-elected Chairman. Dr. Michael Dewar was elected Deputy-Chairman, and Sir Archibald Buchan-Hepburn, Bart., was elected Convener of the Finance Committee.

The meeting appointed other Committees, Examiners, and approved the list of recognised Institutions, with the teachers attached thereto, for the training of midwifery nurses.

At a meeting of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland for the hearing of penal cases, held in the office of the Board, Dr. J. Haig Ferguson in the chair, No. 1548, Mrs. Mary McCabe, 5, Norfolk Street, Glasgow, was cited to answer charges of serious breaches of the Rules and misconduct. Mrs. McCabewas represented by her Agent, Mr. Turnbull, Writer, Glasgow.

The Board found the charges to be proved and instructed the Secretary to remove the name of Mary McCabe from the Roll of Midwives and to cancel her Certificate and in addition thereto the Board issued an Order prohibiting her from attending women in childbirth in any other capacity.

## "DOING MUCH WITH LITTLE."

The Lord Mayor of Leeds (Alderman Fountain) presided at the annual meeting of the Leeds Maternity Hospital on January 29th, when the annual report, presented by Mrs. Austyn Barran, stated that the number of births dealt with by the institution had been 1,531 in the hospital and 1,030 on the districts, representing 27 per cent. of the total births of Leeds. The out-patient attendances had averaged 115 patients, as against 78 in the previous year. The building of new wards and kitchens were matters of urgent necessity, and extensions could not be much longer delayed. The Board appealed to all old friends of the hospital to do their utmost in the campaign to raise funds; the institution had before it a year of very serious effort. The balance sheet presented by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. John Marshall, showed a deficit on the year's working of £363 2s. 7d.

The Lord Mayor, in moving the adoption of the Report, congratulated the citizens of Leeds on the splendid organisation of the institution, without which the infant mortality of the city must be larger than it was.

Dr. Gordon Fitzgerald of Manchester, in the course of an address, severely criticised the inadequacy of the accommodation at the hospital, pointing out that the prestige of Leeds as a training centre for midwives and medical students on the obstetric side of their work might be imperilled thereby.

Mr. Charles Ratcliffe, the President, defended the hospital, which, he said, was doing much with little, and Dr. Fitzgerald said he did not intend to attack the efficiency of the institution, but to set up a high standard as an incentive to renewed effort to secure the projected extensions.

## PRACTISING MIDWIVES IN THE COUNTY OF LONDON.

During 1922 seven hundred and ninety-eight Certified Midwives in the Administrative County of London gave notice of their intention to practise within the County. This is an increase of seventy-seven on the number for the previous year. Fourteen notices were also received during the year from persons who acted as midwives on specific occasions, and nineteen from certified midwives who intended to practice in the county during periods of less than one year.

May good luck which smiled so propitiously on the twins born in the Fulham Maternity Home a few hours before the opening of a new wing continue to attend them through life. The wee boy and girl were brought in to the ceremony by a nurse, and presented by Mrs. Hudson Lyall, a member of the London County Council. The local M.P.s, Sir Cyril Cobb and Colonel Vaughan Morgan, sent congratulations to the mother.

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