

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

The Monthly Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board Room, 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on Thursday, October 11th, Sir Francis Champneys, Bart., M.D., F.R.C.P., presiding.

Report of Standing Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was received from Miss E. Adams (a trained nurse, who has had midwifery training at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington, Sydney, and is a registered member of the Obstetrical Section of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association) asking that she might be admitted to Examination without further training. It was agreed that the application be granted.

A letter was received from Miss G. Sawers of Rangoon (who holds the L.O.S. Certificate) asking that she might be admitted to Examination after undergoing a two months' post-certificate course. It was resolved that before being admitted to Examination Miss Sawers be required to attend a full course of lectures delivered by an approved lecturer, and to attend for a period of three months the post-certificate class at such an Institution as 77, Southampton Street, S.E., and to produce at the end of that period a satisfactory report as to her fitness to sit for Examination.

A letter was received from the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Inspectors of Midwives asking if, under Rule E. 18, a midwife may lay out the dead body of a patient upon whom she has been in attendance at death, notwithstanding that she has been in attendance as nurse and not as midwife.

It was resolved that the Honorary Secretary of the Association of Inspectors of Midwives be informed that under Rule E. 18 a midwife may lay out the dead body of any patient upon whom she has been in attendance at the time of death, whether in the capacity of midwife or nurse, but of no other person.

APPLICATIONS.

For Approval as Lecturer.—It was resolved that the following applications be granted:—Elizabeth Labrey Ashby, M.B.; Howard English, M.B., F.R.C.S.I.; Robert Park, M.D.

Of Certified Midwives for Approval as Teachers.—It was resolved (a) that the following application be granted:—Midwife Mary Leigh Tarver (No. 41,605). (b) That the following applications be granted subject to conditions:—Midwives Dinah Berryman (No. 41,459), Constance Kate Gudgin (No. 52,396), Marion Malyon (No. 46,160), Edith Sayers (No. 55,014).

CERTIFICATES TAMPERED WITH.

The Secretary reported the presentation by the following candidates for examination of a certificate

of birth or of marriage which had been tampered with: Edith Annie Forster (marriage), Susannah Owen (birth), and Rosanna Waldron (birth). It was resolved that all three candidates be admitted to the December Examination of the Board.

RECIPROCAL REGISTRATION.

The Secretary reported that in conformity with the Board's Resolutions of July 25th, 1918, and October 14th, 1920, he had placed on the Roll the names of seven midwives holding a Certificate of having passed the Examination of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland or the Central Midwives' Board for Ireland, as the case may be:—

VOLUNTARY REMOVAL OF NAME FROM THE ROLL.

Applications were received from six women for the removal of their names from the Roll on the grounds of ill-health, old age, and inability to discharge the duties of a Midwife.

It was resolved that the applications be granted, and that the Secretary be directed to remove their names from the Roll of Midwives and to cancel their Certificates.

Penal Cases.

At a special meeting of the Central Midwives' Board, charges alleged against the following women were heard, with the result that the Secretary was directed to strike their names from the Roll of Midwives and to cancel their certificates. Midwife Elizabeth Beddows (No. 1,494) and Midwife Jane Elizabeth Haynes (No. 43,776, C.M.B. Examination).

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD FOR IRELAND.

The Eleventh Examination of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland was held simultaneously in Dublin and Cork on October 9th and 10th, 1923. Forty-six candidates entered in Dublin—from the Rotunda Hospital, the Coombe Hospital, and the National Maternity Hospital—and seventeen in Cork—from the Cork Maternity Hospital, the Cork Lying-in Hospital, and the Limerick Lying-in Hospital. Of the 63 candidates, two did not attend, 12 failed, and 49 passed satisfactorily.

NEW-BORN BABY'S SONG.

When I was twenty inches long,
I could not hear the thrushes' song;
The radiance of the morning skies
Was most displeasing to my eyes.

For loving looks, caressing words,
I cared no more than sun or birds;
But I could bite my mother's breast,
And that made up for all the rest.

From Autumn Midnight.

Frances Cornford.

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