

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, on July 25th.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Nottingham Midwives Association (Branch 11), asking if under Rule E 14 midwives have to enter on their pulse and temperature charts the hour and the minute at which the pulse and temperature are taken.

The Committee recommended that in ordinary cases if a midwife enters a.m. and p.m. it would suffice. If a case be one which requires the detailing of the exact time, it should be recorded preferably on a four-hour chart.

APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were granted:—

For Recognition as Lecturer.—Dr. John Cecil Hallinan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; Dr. Hadyn Peters, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Subject to condition:—Dr. Edmund Leigh White, M.D., D.P.H.

For Approval as Teacher.—Midwife Winifred Mary Cleary (No. 51501). Subject to conditions:—Midwives Elizabeth Cole (No. 53001), Daisy Louise Eden Ford (No. 53723), Mary Isabella Hewitt (No. 42376), Margaret Maud Morgan (No. 54412).

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held on the morning of July 25th to consider the charges against six midwives with the following results:—

Struck off the Roll and Certificate Cancelled.—Midwives Emma Rebecca Barnett (No. 37424), Barbara Fletcher (No. 41083), Helen Graham Lowe (No. 56429), Mary Margaret Thomas (No. 42943).

Adjourned for Report in Three and Six Months' Time.—Midwife Sarah Jane Munslow (No. 12246).

Cautioned.—Midwife Betsy Hill (No. 51690).

PRESENTATION TO MISS LUNN.

A FINE LIFE'S WORK.

At a fête recently held at Kingsthorpe Hall, in aid of the Northampton Queen Victoria Nursing Institution, Mr. F. H. Thornton, J.P., C.C., the Chairman of the Q.V.N.I. Committee, presided, and said the fête was not only for the benefit of the Institution, as they had taken the opportunity of holding the anniversary of the twenty-fifth year of Miss Lunn's coming to Northampton in the capacity of Superintendent of the Q.V.N.I. When first she came the building in the Barrack-road had not been erected; and during the twenty-five years a wonderful work has been done. The whole of the town recognises the value of that

work. The Institution not only nurses all the poor in their own homes (in order to do which there is a staff of from twelve to eighteen nurses constantly at work), but during the last five years two maternity homes have been established. During their existence no less than 1,000 babies have been born there.

Miss Lunn, continued Mr. Thornton, has been the great inspirer of this work. The committee has worked cordially with her, and it was due to her ability that the scheme was evolved. It is interesting to know that before the Maternity and Child Welfare Act was passed three years ago, Northampton had in practice a scheme of nursing centres, maternity homes, &c., such as the Act laid down. This was due to the foresight of the Lady Superintendent, who has devoted practically her whole life to this work. When it was decided to make a presentation to Miss Lunn, many people were only too glad to subscribe. Mr. Thornton then presented Miss Lunn with a dainty gold Waltham wrist watch, inscribed "Q.V.N.I., 1898-1923," a handsomely-bound album containing the names of the subscribers, and an illuminated address.

THE ADDRESS.

"Northampton Queen Victoria Nursing Institution.

"Beneath are inscribed the names of a few friends who, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the commencement of Miss Lunn's work as Superintendent of the Queen's Nurses in Northampton, would wish to congratulate her on what she has been able to achieve.

"It is due to her inspiration that there now exists in Northampton an organisation for nursing the poor in their own homes and for midwifery, second to none, and there are also two maternity homes in which, since their establishment five years ago a thousand babies have been born. No greater work for the benefit of the poor and people of moderate means could have been done than this.

"They would like to assure Miss Lunn of their appreciation of her efforts and untiring zeal in so great a cause, and ask her to accept the gifts presented to-day as tokens of their goodwill.—July, 1923."

Miss Lunn, in reply, expressed her gratitude for the many kind things said and the lovely gifts. A friend had said to her, "Now you will soon be retiring," but she wished to say she had no such intention, a statement which elicited much applause.

BASTARDY BILL.

The Bastardy Bill secured a Third Reading in the House of Lords on July 16th. The drafting amendments made in the House of Lords were accepted by the House of Commons on July 19th. The Bill now only awaits the Royal Assent, and is due to come into force two months after that date.

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