

The Midwife.

THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

MIDWIFE-TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

We are always interested to receive copies of the questions set by the Central Midwives Board for the Midwife-Teachers' Examination, for this examination has, of recent years, been a most important part of the work undertaken by the Board. It is right that those midwives who aspire to be teachers of midwifery should be able to obtain the seal of official approval of their knowledge, and their ability to teach this important subject. And it is right that pupil-midwives who give time, and spend money, to acquire the knowledge, both practical and theoretical, which will enable them to pass the examination of the Central Midwives Board should not waste both on inefficient teaching, but be assured of the qualifications of their teachers.

The object of the Midwife-Teachers' Examination is to test both the knowledge of the would-be teacher and her ability to express herself clearly and impart knowledge to others, she is therefore expected to answer the questions set as far as possible as if she were teaching a class or pupil.

The May Examination took place on three successive days, the 15th, 16th and 17th, and each paper consisted of six questions, of which only five were to be answered.

Here is an example of a practical question which demonstrates that the Central Midwives Board expects of candidates not only technical knowledge, but knowledge bearing on the problems their pupils may expect to meet:

"What teaching would you give your pupils regarding housing defects and the steps the midwife can take in such cases?"

MIDWIFE-TEACHERS' EXAMINATION, 1933. FIRST PART.

PASSED.

The following list of candidates have been successful at the first part of the recent Midwife-Teachers' Examination conducted by the Central Midwives Board.

Name.	Post.
QUEENIE MAY ANSTICE—Sister-in-Charge, Maternity Department, St. Peter's Hospital, Whitechapel.	
DOROTHY BEARD—Matron, Middlesbrough Municipal Maternity Hospital.	
MAY GARDNER—District Sister, Maternity Nursing Association.	
HARRIET GERTRUDE HALL—Sister-in-Charge, Maternity Department, West Herts Hospital, Hemel Hempstead.	
ROSA HESTER HIGGS—District Sister, Birmingham Maternity Hospital.	
HELEN KIRKBRIDE—Sister Tutor, St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.	
ANNIE MILLBURN—Matron, City Maternity Home, Birmingham.	
MARY JANE PIERCE—Sister-in-Charge, Maternity Ward, City Lodge Hospital, Cardiff.	
NORAH RHONA RIGBY—District and Labour Ward Sister, City of London Maternity Hospital.	
MARGARET HELEN SPOKES—Assistant Superintendent, Blackburn District Nursing Association.	
KATE CATHERINE STENNETT—Maternity Sister, Hallam Hospital, West Bromwich.	
LILIAN LOUISA TILLEY—Sister-in-Charge, Midwifery Department, St. Giles's Hospital, Camberwell.	
ELLEN GRACE WELBROCK—Staff Nurse Midwife, St. Alfege's Hospital, Greenwich.	
RUBY KATHLEEN MARIE WINGROVE—Maternity Sister, St. Mary, Islington, Hospital.	

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFANT MORTALITY.

The Annual Report for the year 1932 of the National Association for the Prevention of Infantile Mortality, 117, Piccadilly, London, W., of which Viscount Astor is Chairman, and which concerns itself with the necessity for the education of all classes of the public in matters connected with Maternity and Child Welfare, is able to record the encouraging fact that, in spite of the prevailing financial stringency, there has been no diminution in the demand for lectures provided by the Association, even where these have to be paid for wholly or in part by the students or others.

The subject of the teaching of Mothercraft in schools is being very carefully considered by the Association and developments are to be looked for in the near future.

On the conclusion of the enquiry as to facilities for post-graduate instruction in obstetrics, which was carried out in 1931, a summary of the information received was sent to the British Medical Association, pointing out the serious lack of such facilities.

Unfortunately the Association's expenditure during the year has far exceeded its income, and it has been compelled to draw on its small amount of capital. The Hon. Secretaries of this useful Association are Dr. A. K. Chalmers, Dr. Eric Pritchard and Miss J. Halford, O.B.E.

SIXTH ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONFERENCE ON MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The sixth English-speaking Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare, under the patronage of Their Majesties the King and Queen, organised on behalf of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare and its Constituent Bodies by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality in co-operation with the Maternity and Child Welfare Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, will be held in the Friends' House, Euston Road, London, W.C., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 5th, 6th and 7th. The Chairman at the Opening Session at 10.30 on July 5th will be the Right Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, when Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health, President of the Conference, will deliver his Presidential Address. The first subject for debate is "The Scope and Advancement of Ante-Natal Care," and a variety of interesting topics are put down for discussion. There will be a Garden Party in aid of the Special Appeal of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare at St. James' Palace on July 5th, at which H.R.H. the Duchess of York will receive purses, and the Conference Dinner will take place on the same evening. Tickets for full membership, including all printed matter, is £1 1s., for a single session 2s. 6d., obtainable from Miss J. Halford, O.B.E., 117, Piccadilly, London, W.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MIDWIVES.

The Fourth International Congress of Midwives, to be convened by the International Midwives' Association, will be held in London next year. Its organisation is in the hands of Miss E. H. Pye, President of the Midwives' Institute. The President of the Association is Miss Berta Hübel, of Vienna. The Secretariat is in Ghent under the direction of Professor Daels.

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