

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

MEMORANDUM ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL BOARD RE THE ADDRESSES OF MIDWIVES.

The Board, having considered the question as to what addresses should appear against the names of midwives on the Midwives Roll, has resolved—

(1) That, failing any express wish on the part of a midwife, the address which should appear against her name on the Roll is the one at or from which she usually practises or works, or at which she usually resides, but that if she expresses a special desire that some other address should appear against her name on the Roll that address should be inserted;

(2) That the addresses given by Local Supervising Authorities under Section 8 (6) of the Midwives Act, 1902, if given subsequently to notification by the midwife, should be placed on the Roll, as the Act requires, but that if it is eventually found that the information given by the authority is incorrect and a woman's name has consequently been removed from the Roll in error, the name of the woman should be restored without further training or payment of a fee;

(3) That if for two consecutive years a list of practising midwives furnished by a Local Supervising Authority under Section 8 (5) of the Midwives Act, 1902, shows a midwife to be at a certain address, that address be inserted against the midwife's name on the Roll, unless she has previously expressed a special desire that some other address should appear;

(4) That in the letter which the Board addresses to all midwives on enrolment, the following appear:—

"The address which is required for entry on the Midwives' Roll is the address at or from which a midwife usually practises or works, or at which she usually resides;

N.B.—Midwives should realise that failure to notify the Board of such an address will render them liable to have their names removed from the Midwives Roll, and that the restoration to the Roll of a name once removed might be a very difficult matter. In any event a restoration fee would have to be paid and, probably, a period of further training, extending for as much as six months, might have to be undergone before restoration."

MIDWIFE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION, 1935.

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

Elsa Le Lacheur Alden.—Out-patient Sister, Obstetric Hospital, University College Hospital.

Lois Eileen Beulah.—Sister, Queen Mary's Maternity Home, Hampstead.

Amy Bleazard.—Ward and Night Sister, St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

Lilian Estelle Braine-Hartnell.—Midwifery Sister, Maternity Nursing Association.

Martha Brooks.—Midwifery Night Sister, St. James's Hospital, Leeds.

Olive Eliza Brown.—Staff Midwife and District Sister, St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford.

Ruth Cochran.—Matron, York Maternity Hospital.

Amy Clayton.—Sister, Wakefield Maternity Hospital.

Margaret Dorothea Down.—District Sister, Maternity Nursing Association.

Rosalind Catherine Joan Edgecombe.—Midwifery Sister, Oster House, St. Albans.

Elizabeth Sarah Franks.—Ward Sister, Bank Hall Maternity Hospital, Burnley.

Minnie Grayson.—Chief Midwife and Assistant Matron, Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale.

Dora Hancock.—Ward Sister, St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

Ethel Elizabeth Lewis.—District Sister, Thorpe Coombe Maternity Home, Walthamstow.

Jane May McLean.—Maternity Sister, Forest Gate Hospital.

Olive Irene Moffett.—Pupil Sister Tutor, City of London Maternity Hospital.

Constance Mary Sharpe.—Matron, Barnsley Municipal Maternity Hospital.

Ruth Armstrong Skillen.—Labour Ward and Theatre Sister, Princess Mary Maternity Hospital.

Phyllis Edna Tollit.—Maternity Sister, Guy's Hospital.

Victoria Isabella Edith Watson.—Sister Tutor, Jewish Maternity Hospital.

Elizabeth Wedderburn.—Maternity Ward Sister, Sunderland Municipal Hospital.

Margaret Elizabeth Williams.—Sister, Ormond Maternity Home.

FEES OF DOCTORS CALLED IN BY MIDWIVES.

We are informed by the Ministry of Health in relation to Circular 358 of the 20th December, 1922, to which was appended the scale of fees fixed by the Minister for payment by local supervising authorities to medical practitioners called in by midwives under Section 14 of the Midwives Act, 1918, that the attention of the Minister has been drawn to the judgment given in the Court of Appeal in the recent case of Brown and others *v.* the Monmouthshire County Council, the effect of which is that paragraph 8 of the scale of fees fixed in 1922 is *ultra vires*. The Minister is now informed that the Monmouthshire County Council have decided not to appeal against that judgment, and this being so paragraph 8 of the scale of fees appended to Circular 358 must be regarded as having been deleted. The position therefore is that for the purposes of Section 14 of the Midwives Act, 1918, the scale of fees now fixed by the Minister consists of the first seven paragraphs of the scale appended to Circular 358.

The Minister has under consideration the question of further legislation for the amendment of Section 14 of the Act of 1918.

40,000 MORE INFANTS SAVED EVERY YEAR.

The Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, opening new wards and adapted wards at Middlesbrough hospitals recently, said that we were much healthier than our forebears and were not a C3 nation. We had combated, in no small measure of success, many of the diseases which formerly assailed the childhood and youth of the population.

During the last ten years, he added, we had saved 40,000 more infants every year than we had been saving during the opening years of the century. In the same period the death rate from tuberculosis had been decreased 22 per cent.

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