

from the Roll under Section 5 (7) of the Midwives Act, 1936.

9. The Secretary reported that he had received applications from six State Certified Midwives for the removal of their names from the Midwives Roll.

It was agreed :

That the applications be granted and that the Secretary be instructed to remove their names from the Roll and cancel their certificates.

10. The Committee considered a letter from the Medical Officer of Health for Hastings asking the Board to inform him whether it is in order for a midwife recently appointed as municipal midwife to Hastings to use the words "Municipal Midwife" on the brass plate outside her door, in addition to "S.C.M."

The Board approved the Committee's recommendation :

That the Medical Officer of Health for Hastings be informed that the Board sees no objection to a midwife using the words "Municipal Midwife" on a brass plate, in addition to the letters "S.C.M."

A Meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held at the Board's Offices, 23, Great Peter Street, Westminster, S.W., on Thursday, November 4th.

The Chairman, Sir Comyns Berkeley, M.D., F.R.C.P., presided.

The Secretary reported a letter from the Secretary of the Ministry of Health intimating that Mr. A. B. MacLachlan has resigned his membership of the Board in consequence of his retirement from the Civil Service, and that the Minister has appointed in his place Mr. H. A. de Montmorency for the period expiring on 31st March, 1938.

The Secretary reported that the Minister of Health has made orders applying the provisions of section 6 (2) of the Midwives Act to the areas of the undermentioned Local Supervising Authorities as from the dates stated :—

County Borough of Doncaster	1st December, 1937.
County Borough of Stockport	1st December, 1937.
County of Somerset ...	... 1st January, 1938.

#### Report of Standing Committee.

The Committee met on the 4th November.

1. *Applications of State Certified Midwives for Approval as Teacher :—*

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee the following applications were approved under the existing training and examination rules of the Board :—

Mary Margaret Wheeler, No. 94965, Wolverhampton Royal Hospital (district).

Ethel Fanny Field, No. 54222, Alice Maud Girdlestone, No. 69983, and Maud Mary Sansom, No. 40579, St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth (district).

Gertrude Tunstall, No. 76673, Park Hospital, Davyhulme (intern).

Johanna Brosnan, No. 87343, Sarah Ellen Gosling, No. 56193, and Mary Jane Walsh, No. 75228, Alma Road Hospital, Rotherham, and Rotherham Municipal Maternity Home (district).

(Temporarily and under certain conditions.)

Ruby Kathleen Marie Wingrove, No. 60677, Perivale Maternity Hospital (district).

2. The Committee reported that it had considered an application for the approval of the following institution for the purpose of providing instruction in the essentials of obstetric analgesia and in the use of a recognised apparatus : Birmingham City Maternity Home (Heathfield Road).

It recommended that the application be granted, and this was agreed.

3. The Secretary reported that he had placed on the Roll the names of 20 women holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, the Central Midwives

Board for the Irish Free State or the Queensland Nurses' Registration Board, as the case might be.

4. The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Board he had removed the names of 170 midwives from the Roll under Section 5 (7) of the Midwives Act, 1936.

#### WESTMINSTER NEW MATERNITY CENTRE.

Westminster is to have a new Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, which it is expected will shortly be completed and opened. It is situated at the corner of Bessborough Street and Lupus Street, Pimlico, and in the basement are a laundry, drying room and stores, including a perambulator store for the convenience of mothers using the day nursery.

The basement and the ground floor are being administered by the Health Committee of the City Council, and the first, second and top floors are to be let off to the Westminster Day Nursery Committee, a voluntary body, the chairman of which is Mrs. Douglas Vickers and the Hon. Secretary Mrs. F. C. Bennett.

On the ground floor are rooms for health visitors, for demonstration and weighing, for a doctor, and for an ante-natal clinic. There is a separate room in connection with the waiting room, in which babies who may be suffering from some infectious disease can immediately be placed. In the planning of the whole building the necessity of preventing, as far as possible, the spread of infection has been borne in mind.

On the remaining floors, rented by the Westminster Day Nursery Committee, the principal rooms on the first floor are sun rooms designed for cot babies, older babies, and toddlers. On the second floor are wards where mothers who have to attend hospital for in-patient treatment, or actresses, or any other persons who have temporarily to go away from London may leave their children. On the top floor are the caretaker's flat, nursery staff quarters, and a flat for the superintendent health visitor of the maternity and child welfare centre.

#### THE LIVINGSTONE HOSPITAL, DARTFORD.

An interesting ceremony took place on November 3rd at the Livingstone Hospital, Dartford, in the presence of a large assembly of people, when Mr. E. W. Meyerstein, High Sheriff of Kent, laid the foundation stone of the new maternity wing, part of a big extension scheme which it is hoped to complete within the next few years.

In performing the ceremony, Mr. Meyerstein expressed a wish to endow a cot in the new wing, and asked Mr. V. A. Patterson, the President of the Hospital, to accept a donation for that purpose.

Mr. Patterson announced that Mr. Meyerstein had added to his already princely beneficence by a gift of £500, and said it was the desire of the Committee of Management that the new wing should be named the Meyerstein Wing.

Mr. Meyerstein placed beneath the stone a copy of *The Times*, current numbers of local newspapers, and copies of the Hospital Carnival programmes of 1936-1937, and a dedication service was conducted by the Bishop of Rochester.

The Livingstone Hospital has always a special interest, inasmuch as it was opened in 1894 in memory of David Livingstone, by Henry Stanley, whose successful search for, and dramatic meeting with, Livingstone in North Rhodesia are matters of history.

#### MATERNITY CENTRE FOR MIDDLESEX.

Middlesex County Council has approved a scheme for the purchase for £42,700 of the freehold interest in Bushey Heath Clinic, Heathbourne Road, Bushey Heath, for use as a maternity hospital. The clinic stands in about 3½ acres of grounds, and has accommodation for about 40 patients and the necessary staff.

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