

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

At a recent Meeting of the Board the following reappointments were reported:—

(a) The Royal College of Physicians notifying the reappointment of Sir Comyns Berkeley as the representative of the College on the Board for the year commencing 1st April, 1938.

(b) The Royal College of Surgeons of England, notifying the reappointment of Mr. Eardley Holland as the representative of the College on the Board for the year commencing 1st April, 1938.

(c) The Association of Municipal Corporations, notifying the reappointment of Councillor R. W. Brosch as the representative of the Association on the Board for the year commencing 1st April, 1938.

(d) The Midwives Institute, notifying the reappointment of Mr. Arnold Walker, Miss A. A. I. Pollard and Miss K. V. B. Coni as representatives of the Institute on the Board for the year commencing 1st April, 1938.

(e) The Queen's Institute of District Nursing, notifying the reappointment of Lady Richmond as the representative of the Queen's Institute on the Board for the year commencing 1st April, 1938.

(f) The Society of Medical Officers of Health, notifying the reappointment of Dr. J. J. Buchan as the representative of the Society on the Board as from the 1st April, 1938.

### STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS.

Once a Bill is passed into law we imagine that there the provisions end. It is not so. Statutory Rules and Orders follow to interpretate its action. In so far as the Midwives Act is concerned the Minister of Health in exercise of his powers "orders as follows."

It is advisable, therefore, that State Certified Midwives should provide themselves with Statutory Rules and Orders, copies of which may be procured from His Majesty's Stationery Office.

### EXAMINATION PAPER.

10th February, 1938. From 2 to 5 p.m.

1.—Describe the bladder, the urethra, and their anatomical relations.

What are the common disorders of micturition which may be met with in pregnancy and the puerperium?

2.—What would lead you to suspect multiple pregnancy during the antenatal examination of a patient?

3.—Describe the mechanism by which the uterus expels the placenta.

Discuss the reasons for delay in the delivery of the placenta.

What would be your treatment in such a case?

4.—What do you understand by puerperal fever?

What symptoms and signs would lead you to suspect this complication?

What steps must you take if your patient develops a temperature of 103° F. and a pulse-rate of 120 within the first three days of the puerperium?

5.—Describe in detail the care of the umbilical cord.

What complications may occur and what are your duties in these circumstances?

6.—You have returned home after attending a normal confinement and receive a message that your patient is feeling faint. On arrival at the patient's house you find the patient pale, cold, and with a rapid pulse. Describe the examination you would make and the treatment you would give prior to the arrival of a doctor.

### LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

In the recent examination for the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board the following report has been issued:—

ENTERED—	First Entries ...	791	} Total ...	1,066
	Re-entries ...	275		
PASSED—	First Entries ...	580	} Total ...	729
	Re-entries ...	149		
PERCENTAGE OF FAILURES.—	First Entries ...	...	26.7	
	Re-entries ...	...	45.8	
	All candidates ...	...	31.6	

L. FARRER BROWN,  
Secretary.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

(1) APPLICATIONS OF STATE CERTIFIED MIDWIVES FOR APPROVAL AS TEACHERS:—

The Committee recommends:

(a) That the following applications be granted under the existing Rules of the Board without prejudice to the question of approval under the new training and examination rules—

Gwendoline Birtles, No. 96648.

Dorothy Dodding, No. 86662.

Jane Lees, No. 74796.

Margaret Ormston McGrath, No. 59476.

Mabel Millar, No. 28091.

Ada Jane Oley, No. 28251.

Kate Purslow, No. 62686. Park Hospital, Davyhulme and Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne (district).

Eva Edith Carden, No. 82152. Reading Corporation Maternity Home (district).

Olive Beryl Elliott, No. 83686. Middlesex County Council Hospitals (district).

Laura Alice McCulloch, No. 93104. Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital (intern).

(b) That the following application be not granted:

Mary Ann Tomlinson, No. 74863. Nottingham City Hospital (district).

(2) APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS:—

The Committee recommends:

That the following be appointed regular examiners at the London Centre:

A. C. H. Bell, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., M.C.O.G.

J. D. S. Flew, M.D., B.S., M.C.O.G.

Dame Louise McIlroy, M.D., F.C.O.G.

J. V. O'Sullivan, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.C.O.G.

N. L. White, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.C.O.G.

(3) The Committee considered applications for the approval of the following institutions for the purpose of providing instruction in the essentials of obstetric analgesia and in the use of a recognised apparatus:—

Central Middlesex County Hospital.

Westcotes Municipal Maternity Home, Leicester.

The Committee recommends:—

That the applications be granted.

(4) The Secretary reported that he had placed on the Roll the names of seven women holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland or the Central Midwives Board, Eire, as the case may be.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Board he had removed the names of 73 midwives from the Roll under Section 5 (7) of the Midwives Act, 1936. (Total number of midwives so removed—1,110.)

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