

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee met on December 8th, 1938.

### APPLICATIONS OF REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS FOR APPROVAL AS LECTURER.

The Committee *recommends*—

That the following applications be granted under the new training and examination rules of the Board :—

Henry Bernard Bagshaw, M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool [on the subjects enumerated in Rule B.36 other than (r)].

Maurice Coke, M.R.C.P., D.C.H., North Middlesex County

Marcella O'Connor, No. 88564, Nottingham City Hospital [Second period—district].

Doris Matilda Reid, No. 82061, Bexley Borough Maternity Home [Second period—district].

(b) That the following application be granted under the old and new training rules of the Board :—

Bertha Reynolds, No. 54996, Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot [First period—intern.].

The Committee 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 :—

Hull Municipal Maternity Hospital.

The Committee *recommends* :

That the application be granted.

The Committee considered the reply of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to a letter from the Board regarding condition (iii) of the Board's ruling on the administration of nitrous oxide and air by midwives. The Board's letter stated that the Board's ruling had been made in the light of the report of the College on analgesics suitable for use by midwives; that the condition in question which, following the terms of the report of the College, the Board had included in its ruling, had been the subject of criticism, and that in view of such criticism the Board would be obliged if the College could arrange to have the matter reviewed in the light of recent experience and would acquaint the Board with its view on the suggestion that the condition should be rescinded. The reply of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is in the following terms :—

"The Council has considered the request contained in your letter of June 7th, and I am directed to inform you that at the present time the Council can only re-affirm its previous recommendation, namely—

"That when gas and air analgesia is administered, one other person, being a State certified midwife or a State registered nurse, or a senior medical student or a pupil-midwife, should be present at the time of administration in addition to the midwife in charge of the case."

Having regard to the view expressed by the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Committee *recommends*—

That condition (iii) of the Board's ruling regarding the administration of nitrous oxide and air by midwives be not amended.

The Committee considered a request for a ruling from the Board with regard to the rules regulating post-certificate courses for midwives.

The Committee *recommends*—

That a reply in the following terms be sent :—



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## BABIES BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE CITY OF LONDON MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

Hospital [on the subjects enumerated (m) and (n) in Rule B.36].

Linton Snaith, M.B., B.S., M.S., F.R.C.S., M.C.O.G., North Middlesex County Hospital [on the subjects enumerated in Rule B.36 other than (m), (n), and (r), in collaboration with Dr. K. A. K. Hudson].

Patricia Irene Unsworth, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Birkenhead Maternity Hospital [on the subjects enumerated in Rule B.37].

### APPLICATIONS OF STATE CERTIFIED MIDWIVES FOR APPROVAL AS TEACHER.

The Committee *recommends*—

(a) That the following applications be granted under the new training and examination rules of the Board :—

Mabel Bodkin, No. 61214.

Elizabeth Ann Halls, No. 63919, Wakefield Corporation Maternity Hospital [Second period—district].

Ivy Rita Germain, No. 73282, Dulwich (L.C.C.) Hospital [First period—intern.].

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