

The Midwife.

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee met on January 5th, 1939.

1.—APPLICATIONS OF REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS FOR APPROVAL AS LECTURER.

The Committee recommends that the following application be granted under the new training and examination rules of the Board :—

John Sinclair MacVine, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., M.C.O.G., Central Middlesex County Hospital (in collaboration with Mr Harold Carter, already approved). [On the subjects enumerated in Rule B.36 other than (m), (n) and (r).]

2.—APPLICATIONS OF STATE CERTIFIED MIDWIVES FOR APPROVAL AS TEACHER.

The Committee recommends :—

(a) that the following application be granted under the old and new training and examination rules of the Board :—
Ida Blanche Organ, No. 85443, Derby City Hospital [First Period—intern];

(b) that the following applications be granted under the new training and examination rules of the Board :—Annie Colton, No. 74390; Emma Crawshaw, No. 49521; Jane Fletcher, No. 51950; Edith Harrington, No. 50965; Mary Kathleen Josephine Patricia Moloney, No. 85400; Sarah Jane Tombling, No. 55602; Jean Vickers, No. 66538—Nether Edge Hospital, Sheffield. [Second Period—district.]

3.—The Secretary reported that a letter had been received from the Secretary of the Overseas Nursing Association stating that general trained nurses holding the First Certificate of the Central Midwives Board will be eligible for appointment through the Overseas Nursing Association. For special appointments for which experience of work in maternity and child welfare clinics is required it will be essential for the person appointed to be a state certified midwife, but for general appointments of Nursing Sister, in most Colonies candidates will be accepted who have passed the First Examination of the Central Midwives Board.

4.—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—Southampton Borough General Hospital.

The Committee recommends that the application be granted subject to certain conditions.

5. The Secretary reported that he had placed on the Roll the names of 11 women holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland or the Central Midwives Board, Eire.

6.—The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Board he had removed the names of 45 midwives from the Roll under Section 5 (7) of the Midwives Act 1936 (making the total number of midwives so removed 1,786).

The Committee met on February 2nd.

With other business transacted the Committee recommends that the following applications be granted under the new training and examination rules of the Board :—

Margaret Dorothea Down, No. 82064, Ipswich Municipal Maternity Home. [Second period—district].

Caroline Amelia Lee, No. 30569, Walthamstow District Nursing Association. [Second period—district.]

The Secretary reported that he had placed on the Roll the names of 10 women holding the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland or the Central Midwives Board, Eire.

THE NATIONAL BIRTHDAY TRUST FUND.

The Queen has promised to be present at a reception to be held on March 28th at Guildhall, organised by Lady George Cholmondeley, on behalf of the National Birthday Trust Fund. The announcement was made by Sir Julien Cahn, chairman of the fund, when presiding at the annual meeting.

Sir Julien Cahn, in outlining the activities of the fund for the past year, said the most important investigation of the Joint Council of Midwifery had been the experimental work on the effects of special nutrition on maternal mortality. The investigation was begun by the fund in 1935 in the Rhondda Valley, and later, with the aid of grants from the Commissioner for the Special Areas, it was undertaken in all the special areas of England and Wales. Since 1936 payments made by the Commissioner towards the cost of the scheme amounted to £10,608, and to complete the work a further £8,236 had been promised. The nutrition inquiry would not be completed until March.

Use of Analgesia.

On the recommendation of the Analgesics Sub-Committee the fund had supplied more than 30 gas and air machines free to hospitals and nursing associations. A representative of the National Federation of Women's Institutes had been appointed to the committee to co-operate in an endeavour to push forward the use of analgesia in country districts.

£10,000 GIFT TO A MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

The British Hospital for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich, as announced by *The Times*, has received an anonymous gift of £10,000 towards their building extension fund. A stipulation was made that part of the gift shall be used to establish a ward for unmarried mothers. The hospital is one of two which has the lowest maternal death rate in the country, 1.06 per 1,000. The hospital does not cater for wealthy people. Most of its patients run homes on less than £3 a week. Over 1,000 expectant mothers have to be refused admission every year. The donation will provide 10 more beds.

The authorities and officers of this hospital are to be congratulated on this mark of public confidence. We congratulate them.

MEDALS FOR GERMAN MOTHERS.

Three million "rich in children" German mothers are to be decorated with a medal similar to the Military Iron Cross. Mothers with four or five children will receive bronze medals, those with six or seven children silver medals, and for families of eight or more children gold medals, will be awarded. Each medal is to bear the motto: "The child ennobles the mother."

Thus these prolific women are to be given the same place of honour in the German community as the front-line soldier, "for she places life and limb at the disposal of the Fatherland in the same way as the soldier in the thunder of the battlefield."

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"Bear One Another's Burdens."

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has broadcast to her people on spiritual and moral rearmament.

As a motto for the entire community she recommended: "Bear one another's burdens."

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