

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee met on Thursday, March 7th, 1940, and the following members attended:—  
Sir Comyns Berkeley M.C. M.D. F.R.C.P. F.R.C.S. F.R.C.O.G.

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#### 1. Appointment of Representative to the Civil Nursing Reserve Advisory Council.

The Secretary reported the appointment by the Board of its Chairman, Sir Comyns Berkeley, as representative of the Board on the Civil Nursing Reserve Advisory Council.

#### 2. Applications from Registered Medical Practitioners for approval as Lecturer.

The Secretary reported the approval granted to the following lecturers under emergency powers:—

W. R. Addis, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.O.G., Salford Hope Hospital [Rule B. 36 other than (m), (n) and (r)].

A. W. Andison, M.D., M.R.C.O.G., Preston Royal Infirmary [Rule B. 36 (temporary)].

Mary Evans, M.D., M.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G., Manchester. Crumpsall Hospital [Rule B. 36 other than (m), (n) and (r)].

E. S. Gawne, D.P.H., F.R.C.S., D.R.C.O.G., Bolton, Townley's Hospital [Rule B. 36 (temporary)].

Janet Whyte Hepburn, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Grimsby Municipal Maternity Home [Rule B. 37].

#### 3. Applications from State Certified Midwives for approval as Teacher.

The Secretary reported the approval granted to the following teachers under emergency powers:—

Margaret Leech Archer, No. 60714, Grimsby Municipal Maternity Home [Second period—intern (District temp.)].

Marian Bowden, No. 78713, Birkenhead Maternity Hospital [Second period—intern].

Christabell Bowring, No. 63795, Leeds, St. Mary's Infirmary [Second period—district].

Mona Corrin, No. 80145, Brighton Municipal Hospital [First and second periods—intern].

Margaret Dorothea Down, No. 82964, Ipswich Municipal Maternity Home [Second period—intern].

Edith May Doubleday, No. 50871, Nursing Sisters of St. John the Divine [Second period—temporary].

Margaret Fleming, No. 91343, Rotherham Municipal General Hospital [Second period—temporary].

Ivy Rita Germain, No. 73282, Mile End (L.C.C.) Hospital [First period].

Mary Coupar Graham, No. 64400, Leeds, St. Mary's Infirmary [Second period—district].

Dorothy Hamilton, No. 98875, Blackburn Municipal Maternity Home [Second period—intern].

Hannah Hardman, No. 96869, Preston Royal Infirmary [First period—temporary].

Gertrude Elizabeth Holmes, No. 51704, Darlington Queen's Nurses' Association [Second period].

Olive Gwendoline Overton, No. 81825, Salisbury General Infirmary [Second period—intern].

Emily Smith, No. 88679, Cardiff, City Lodge Hospital [First period].

Olive Wainwright, No. 61606, Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport [First period].

4. An application was considered for the approval of Widnes Queen's Nurses' Home for the second period of training.

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

5. Applications were considered for the approval of—

(i) The County Hospital, Whiston; and

(ii) Lake Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne

for the purposes of Rule E. 2.

The Committee recommends that the applications be granted.

6. The Secretary reported the restoration under emergency powers of the names of eight women to the Midwives Roll. Of these, seven had been removed under section 3 (2) of the Midwives Act, 1926, and one at her own request.

7. The Secretary reported that two State Certified midwives had been removed from the Midwives Roll under emergency powers, at their own request.

8. The Secretary reported that he has placed on the Roll the names of 31 women holding the certificate of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland, the Central Midwives Board, Eire, the Joint Nursing and Midwives Council for Northern Ireland, the New Zealand Nurses and Midwives Registration Board, the New South Wales Nurses' Registration Board, and the Queensland Nurses' Registration Board, as the case may be.

9. The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Board he has removed the names of 22 midwives from the Roll under Section 5 (7) of the Midwives Act, 1936 (making the total number so removed 2,918).

#### FIRST EXAMINATION—FEBRUARY, 1940.

A large number of candidates passed the Examination of the Central Midwives Board in February last, and will be entered on the Roll with the right to use the title of State Certified Midwife.

Examined ... ..	545
Passed ... ..	411
Percentage of failures ... ..	24.6

L. FARRER BROWN, *Secretary*.

#### Civil Nursing Reserve Advisory Council.

As the work of the State Certified Midwife is of the most vital importance in any scheme of national nursing organization, why has the Central Midwives Board ignored their skill and status by appointing a medical man to represent them? We enter a protest and hope the midwives will take some action on their own behalf.

#### WORD FOR THE MONTH.

"Let the people of Finland understand that when the victory of the Allies is secured and once and for all this reign of brute force is ended in Europe, whatever happens Finland will be restored to freedom and independence."—  
*Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Mansion House.*

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