

Council, any other duty which may be necessary for the due and proper carrying out of the provision of this Act.

6. *Fees and Expenses.*—There shall be payable by every woman presenting herself for examination or registration such fees as the Midwives Board may, with the approval of the General Medical Council, from time to time determine. All fees paid by midwives or by candidates for examination shall be paid to the Midwives Board. The said Board shall devote such fees to the payment of expenses connected with examination and registration, and to the general expenses of the Board. Should these fees not equal the expenditure of the Midwives Board, the deficiency shall be supplied from the respective local county funds, in proportion to the number of registered midwives resident in the county.

7. *Appointment of Registrar.*—The Midwives Board shall appoint a Registrar who shall be charged with the custody of the register, and shall also act as Secretary to the Board.

8. *Supplemental Provision as to Register.*—A copy of the midwives register for the time being shall be evidence in all courts that the women therein specified are registered according to the provisions of this Act; and the absence of the name of any woman from such copy shall be evidence, until the contrary be made to appear, that such woman is not registered according to the provisions of this Act. Provided always, that in the case of any woman whose name does not appear in such copy, a certificate under the hand of the Registrar of the entry of the name of such woman on the register, shall be evidence that such woman is registered under the provisions of this Act.

9. *Local Supervision of Midwives.*—Every local sanitary authority throughout England and Wales shall, on the passing of this Act, appoint its medical officer of health or other reg-

istered medical practitioner or practitioners, as the local supervising authority over midwives in the sanitary district. It shall be the duty of the local supervising authority:

(1) To exercise general supervision over all midwives practising within the sanitary district in accordance with the rules to be laid down under the provisions of this Act.

(2) To investigate charges of malpractice, negligence, or misconduct on the part of any midwife practising within his district, and, if he consider that a *prima facie* case is established, to report the same to the Midwives Board.

(3) To report at once to the Midwives Board the name of any midwife practising in his district convicted of a misdemeanor or felony.

(4) To keep a current copy of the midwives register, accessible at all reasonable times for public inspection.

(5) To satisfy himself, in the case of any midwife practising or desiring to practise within his district, as to the validity of her claim to be placed on the register.

10. *Notice of Death of a Midwife.*—The local supervising authority shall at once report to the Midwives Board the death of any midwife, or any change in the name or address of any midwife in his district, so that the necessary alteration may be made in the register.

11. *Penalty for Obtaining Registration by False Representation.*—Any woman who procures or attempts to procure herself to be placed on the register of midwives by making or producing, or causing to be made or produced, any false or fraudulent declaration, certificate, or representation, either in writing or otherwise, and any person assisting her therein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds, or to be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for any term not exceeding two months.