

The Midwife.

NATIONAL BABY WEEK.

The Queen has consented to be patron of the National Baby Week and to open on Monday, July 2nd, at 2.15, at the Central Hall, Westminster, the exhibition which is to be held in connexion with it.

PROGRAMME.

Sunday, July 1st.—Sermons in connection with Baby Week will be preached at Westminster Abbey, Regent's Park Chapel, the City Temple, and in many churches.

Monday, July 2nd.—2.15 p.m., Opening of National Baby Week Exhibition by her Majesty the Queen, Central Hall, Westminster. 3 p.m., Meeting of Health Visitors at Guildhall, to which the Queen will send a message.

Tuesday, July 3rd (and daily to Saturday, July 7th, inclusive).—Exhibition, Central Hall, Westminster, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mass Meeting for Mothers, Central Hall, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4th.—10.30, Conference opens at Central Hall, and daily to July 6th inclusive. (Full programme published in our issue of June 16th, p. 429.)

Thursday, July 5th.—8 p.m., Mass Meeting at Central Hall. *Speakers:* Judge Neil (of Chicago) and others. *Subject:* Widows' Pensions.

Friday, July 6th.—11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., 21st Annual Conference Parents' National Educational Union, Bedford College, York Gate, Regent's Park, N.W. 5 p.m., Meeting at 34, Queen Anne's Gate, by permission of Lady Glenconner, to discuss "The best means of increasing the supply of practising midwives," under the auspices of the A.P.T.S.M.

Saturday, July 7th.—2 p.m., Infant Welfare Competition, Central Hall. 11 a.m., Demonstration of Children's Work, Prince's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.C.

PROCESSIONS ABANDONED.

The fundamental object of National Baby Week is to present before the widest possible public an ocular appeal that will reach every individual.

It had been decided to organize processions of Mothers and Babies in London during the week, but owing to the prevalence of Air Raids these have been abandoned. The Council,

whose motto is "Save the Babies," felt that the massing of large numbers of young children and their mothers in the streets would be inviting the brutal attentions of German Airmen.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

Among the special features already arranged for Baby Week are essays to be written at elementary schools by boys and girls, the former to write on "Why I should kill that fly," and the latter on "How I mind our baby." A considerable number of valuable book prizes will be awarded, as well as certificates, to all who reach a certain standard of merit. The co-operation of school teachers throughout the Kingdom is earnestly requested, and a leaflet giving full details will be forwarded to all who apply to the Baby Week Essay Committee, 6, Holles Street, W. 1.

All essays must be written during Baby Week (July 1st-7th), and the selected essay from each school must be delivered on or before July 7th to the Hon. Secretary, Baby Week Local Committee.

If there is no Local Committee, instructions will be forwarded from the above address to all enquirers in due course.

Every week brings news of further fixtures, all tending to show that National Baby Week will be a big success.

In Chelsea a combined committee representative of the Chelsea Health Society, the Chelsea Day Nursery, the Chelsea Branch of the Invalid Children Aid Society, and Dinners for Chelsea Nursing Mothers, has been formed. There are to be "open days" at the Day Nursery Health Society and Dinners for Nursing Mothers, and, it is hoped, a school entertainment in a garden, with songs and Morris dances.

Hampstead will have a Mass Meeting on July 3rd, when Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., and Cardinal Vaughan will be the speakers; a Pram Parade, an Open Day at Crèches, an Exhibition, Garden Party, and Concert are also being planned.

St. Pancras will have a Garden Party in the Botanical Gardens, Regent's Park, and open days at Infant Welfare and Day Nurseries and public meetings.

In Stoke Newington similar fixtures are arranged.

At Croydon flags will be hung from the windows of houses having babies, and the

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