

£1. No age limit. Not open to professional artists.

2. *Essay (up to 1,000 words)*.—Subject: "How I would train a child to become a good and Healthy Citizen." Class 1: For boys and girls 14-16 years. Class 2: Young men and women 16-21 years. First prize, £2 2s.; second prize, £1 1s.

3. *Lullaby*.—Words set to music and arranged for piano or orchestra. No age limit. Not open to professional musicians. Prize, £2 2s.

4. *Essay (up to 2,000 words)*.—Open to all school teachers. Subjects: (1) "How to develop the Ideal of Motherhood and Fatherhood in One's Pupils." (2) "How can we best lay the Foundations of Moral Training in Infants?"

5. *A Play on the Subject of Mothercraft (performance about 10 minutes' duration)*.—To be acted by school children. Open to school teachers. First prize, £5 5s.; second prize, £2 2s.

All work sent in must be the unaided work of the competitor. It must reach the offices, 27A, Cavendish Square, W. 1, on or before July 8th, addressed to the Secretary, to whom applications for further particulars should be addressed.

THE ECONOMICS OF THE INFANT WELFARE MOVEMENT.

A course of lectures on the above subject has been arranged by the Trustees of the London Parochial Charities, and will be given by Miss Nora Milnes, B.Sc., at the Passmore Edwards Settlement, Tavistock Place, W.C. 1, at 5.30 p.m. Subjects: Thursday, May 30th, "Infant Welfare and National Efficiency"; June 6th, "The Development of the Infant Welfare Movement"; June 13th, "The Underlying Ideal of the Infant Welfare Campaign."

POST-GRADUATE WEEK FOR MIDWIVES.

We are asked to state that the Sixth Post-Graduate Week for Midwives at the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth, will be held from Monday, June 24th, to Friday, June 28th inclusive. Those who wish to join should send in their names as soon as possible to Sister F. R. Cullen, Hon. Secretary, with their subscription to the course, for which the fee is 5s.

The week is inaugurated on June 24th by a reception by the Matron and staff at 4 p.m., followed at 5 p.m. by a lecture by Dr. Fairbairn.

The programme includes all the well-known features of Clinics in the wards, demonstrations in the lecture hall, visits to institutions, demonstrations in the milk kitchen.

On June 27th, at 7.30, Sister French will lecture on "Nutritional Disorders in Infants," and on June 28th Sister Olive will lecture on "The Elderly Primipara." On that afternoon a test paper (optional) will be set, and prizes awarded. The week concludes with a lecture at the Midwives' Institute by Dr. Gordon Ley (tickets 6d. each) at 7.30 p.m. on June 28th. There will be an ante-natal clinic daily at 9 a.m., at which the

numbers are limited. The medical lecturers include Lady Barrett, Dr. Eric Pritchard, and Dr. Truby King.

THE CARE OF INFANT LIFE.

"Two thinking mothers," both of whom are trained nurses, in a letter on "The Care of Infant Life," published in the *Dominion*, a Government paper in New Zealand, express the hope that the Plunket Society may be nationalised. They further say:—

"Is there not a tendency to forget that the infant death rate has decreased all over the world, and that some of the factors of that decrease in this country are: (1) Falling birth-rate; (2) Higher standard of general education; (3) Stricter inspection of food; (4) Stricter inspection of immigrants or potential parents; (5) Better housing and bathing conditions; (6) Stricter rules as to practice of midwifery.

"The desire for a more liberal scheme for the welfare of infants has been confirmed by a study of that most interesting and inexpensive book, the "New Zealand Year Book," wherein we find that while the infant mortality rate—under twelve months—has decreased from 6.21 per cent. in 1906 to 5.35 in 1916, on the other hand the death-rate of children from twelve months to forty-eight months shows a far from satisfactory increase, the rate being 1.58 in 1906 and 2.41 in 1916, and the rate in 1916 is even greater than that of 1914, when we had a severe epidemic of infantile paralysis. It is surely an economic waste—the *bête noir* of the present day—to save children for twelve months to lose them during the next four years. . . . Would it not be possible to so develop the system of district nursing under a national scheme that greater help might be given? District nurses must be general trained and also qualified midwives. Is it not reasonable to suppose that they have learned somewhat of infant needs during a general training in an institution of sufficient scope to provide experience of the individual need of children?"

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL.

POUND DAY.

Princess Arthur of Connaught, patron of the Ladies' Association of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, will attend the annual meeting of the association to be held at the hospital on Thursday, June 6th, at 3 p.m. A Pound Day is being held on the same date.

A pound, or more, of any of the following will be gratefully received at the hospital, or at the District Nurses' Homes at 13, Harcourt Street, Marylebone; 40, Princess Road, Kilburn; 176, Ladbroke Grove, W., between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., on Thursday, June 6th:—A £1 note, a £ in silver, a lb. of tea, coffee, sugar, rice, tapioca, semolina, macaroni, cornflour, flour, rolled oats, split peas, lentils, haricot beans, maize meal, pearl barley, raisins, currants, sultanas, jam, marmalade, golden syrup, honey, eggs, soap, soda, potatoes.

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