

The Midwife.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONFERENCE ON INFANT WELFARE.

The Second English-speaking Conference on Infant Welfare will be held in the Central Hall, Westminster, London, S.W.1, on July 5th, 6th and 7th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. daily. It is organised by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the National Baby Week Council (Sections of the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare), and the inaugural address will be given by the Right Hon. Viscount Astor, President. The Chair at the first Session will be taken by Sir George Newman, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health.

On July 5th the Residential Provision for Mothers and Babies will be considered under various aspects. The evening lectures will be given (1) on "The Ideal Maternity and Child Welfare Centre," by Mrs. H. B. Irving, and "Common Infections in Mother and Child," by Dr. Eric Pritchard.

On July 6th Dr. Janet Lane Claypon will preside, the subject for the morning being "The Supply of Milk, its Physiological and Economic Aspects," and in the afternoon, "Uniformity of Method and Practice in the Conduct of Infant Welfare Centres." The evening lectures will be on "The Accessory Factors of Infant Feeding," and also "The Syphilitic Mother and Her Child," by Dr. John Adams, Medical Officer in charge of Thavies Inn V.D. Centre for Pregnant Women.

On Thursday, July 7th, Dr. G. F. Still will preside at the morning Session, when the main subject will be "Inheritance and Environment as Factors in Racial Health," and in the afternoon, at the meeting of the General Council of the Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, the subject for discussion will be: "What are the most vital and essential forms of Child Welfare Work?" All interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend, and admission is free. The evening lectures will be on "The Psychology of the Mother and Her Child," by Dr. Flora Shepherd, and "The Tuberculous Mother and Her Infant," by Dr. Geoffrey Marshall.

The Child Welfare Exhibition, on the ground floor of the Central Hall, Westminster, will be open from Tuesday, July 5th, to Saturday, July 9th, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Conference Fee, including admission to the Exhibition and to the evening lectures, with the right to receive proofs of the papers to be read, and a copy of the Report of the Proceedings, has been fixed at £1 1s. Attendance at one lecture is 1s. and admission to the Exhibition 1s.

Application for tickets and for further informa-

tion should be made to Miss Halford, Secretary, National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, 4 and 5, Tavistock Square, London, W.C. 1.

POSTERS ON INFANT CARE.

A charming set of rhymed posters on child welfare has recently been published by the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, of which Miss Halford, 4 and 5, Tavistock Square, W.C., is also Secretary. They are admirably adapted for conveying in a few readily remembered lines important truths in relation to infant and child welfare, and are suited for displaying on the walls of any institution where mothers congregate, and many could with advantage be used in girls' schools.

THE IRISH NURSES' AND MIDWIVES' UNION.

The half-yearly meeting of the all-Ireland Executive Committees of the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union was held in 29, South Anne Street, Dublin, recently. The Registration Rules issued by the General Nursing Council for Ireland were discussed, and great satisfaction was expressed that the Council was at last ready to begin compiling the Register. Arrangements were made for the holding of the Annual Meeting of the National Council of the Union, which will take place at the end of September.

Delegates to the Trades Congress were appointed, and resolutions for the Congress Agenda adopted, dealing with nurses' long hours of work, with the necessity for Public Health Service reform in Ireland, and with the desirability that Labour members of local authorities should endeavour to ensure that only members of a trade or professional union are employed in their service.

The Committee considered and decided on appropriate action in connection with the hardships at present being inflicted upon nurses and midwives in the service of Boards of Guardians through the great delay in the payment of their salaries. The stoppage of grants from the Imperial Treasury to these bodies has resulted in such a lack of funds that salaries all over the country are greatly in arrears, and many midwives, whose salaries are very meagre in any case, are now in distress.

M. MORTISHED,
Hon. Secretary.

BIRTH CONTROL.

The Malthusian League, which has opened new offices at 124, Victoria Street, S.W., is starting a lecture campaign on birth control among working men and women. It is intended to open clinics all over London.

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