

NATIONAL BABY WEEK COUNCIL.

The Annual General Meeting of the National Baby Week Council will be held on Tuesday, October 25th, in the Armitage Hall, 224, Great Portland Street (by kind permission of the National Institute for the Blind), at 3 p.m., under the presidency of the Viscount Astor, Chairman of the Council. The principal speaker will be Dr. Allen Daley, Medical Officer of Health for Blackburn, whose subject will be: "The Economic Value of Maternity and Child Welfare Work." The address will be followed by a discussion.

Tickets for the Meeting may be obtained from the Secretary to the Council, at 5, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1.

THE GUILD OF HEALTH.

The Guild of Health has arranged an interesting Course of Lectures, to be held in the Church House, Westminster, on Thursdays at 8.15 p.m., beginning October 20th, on the following subjects:—"The Good and Bad in Christian Science"; "Spiritual Healing in Actual Practice"; "Ugliness in Relation to Disease"; "The Training of the Thought Life of Children"; "The History of Healing in the Christian Church"; "The Sufferings of the Saints." Tickets 1s. can be obtained at the door.

ANNUAL MEETING OF IRISH NURSES' AND MIDWIVES' UNION.

The National Council of the Irish Nurses' and Midwives' Union held its annual delegate meeting in Denmark House, Dublin, on Thursday and Friday October 6th and 7th, and we are informed that it was attended by delegates from all parts of Ireland and by a considerable number of Dublin nurses. Many matters important to nurses and others interested in the health of their country were discussed, including State Registration, the amalgamation schemes, standard salaries and fees for trained nurses, and for midwives, the "handy-woman" evil, &c. Resolutions were passed claiming that all nurses, religious or lay, should conform to the same standard of training, enjoy similar conditions of work, receive the same salary and emoluments, be prepared to perform the same duties, and should enjoy equal opportunities of promotion; welcoming the proposals from the Limerick Nurses' Union to affiliate or become a branch of the I.N.U.; approving of the Irish Women Workers' Pensions and Loan Fund, and others dealing with midwives' private and dispensary practice.

Dr. Hennessy, Irish Medical Secretary, addressed the nurses on "The Position of Nurses under the Amalgamation Schemes," and dwelt on the possible contingencies with regard to superannuation in the present transition stage. Further discussion dealt with giving preference, where that would be fair, to outgoing officers for future appointments; the specifications in local advertisements for officers; and possible further training (by post-

graduate courses) for doctors and nurses, when a State service has been put into force. After Dr. Hennessy had retired, there was a long discussion on the resolution dealing with the subject, which was on the agenda, and eventually this was referred back for redrafting to a sub-committee, consisting of Miss Doyle, Miss Maxwell, Mrs. McCarry, and Miss Bennett.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary's annual report and financial report were adopted. Arrangements for more extensive organising were discussed, and an organising committee appointed. Amendments to the rules were also passed, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

After a vote of thanks to Dr. Hennessy, the meeting closed, and in the evening the country delegates were entertained by the Dublin Committee.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Lloyd's Hospital, Bridlington.—Miss Dorothy Swift has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Middlesex Hospital, and has also held appointments at the Leeds Women and Children's Hospital; and the Military Hospital, Clacton-on-Sea.

Isolation Hospital, Gillingham, Kent.—Miss F. I. Taylor has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Whipp's Cross Hospital, Leytonstone; and has had experience of infectious work and is a certified Midwife.

SISTER.

Dean's Isolation Hospital, South Shields.—Miss Rachel Patterson has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at Holgate Hospital; and at the Children's Hospital, Middlesbrough. She has also been Staff Nurse at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill (M.A.B.); and has been Sister-in-Charge of the Brooklands Children's Hospital.

Davaar Maternity Home, Dunfermline.—Miss Margaret Wright has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; and at the Royal Maternity Hospital, Glasgow. She has also had experience of private nursing in Edinburgh, and is a Certified Midwife.

THEATRE SISTER.

Horton Infirmary, Banbury.—Miss Irene A. Middleton has been appointed Theatre Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Leicester; and has held the position of Sister at the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, and at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.

Miss Dorothy E. Elliott, M.B., B.S., has been appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer at Wingrove Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Miss Elliott received her medical education at the College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne, University of Durham, and has held the position of House Physician in the Royal Infirmary in that city, and of Assistant in its Venereal Department.

BEQUEST TO A NURSE.

Amongst the bequests made by Sir Ernest Cassel is "an annuity of £200 to Nurse Harrison if still in the employ of his sister, for so long as she shall remain in such employ, and if she shall continue in his sister's employ until the death of his sister she is to receive a life annuity of £200."

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