

the formation of more Fathers' Committees at Infant Welfare Centres throughout the Empire.

These subjects the Council advises, should find place in local and national propaganda programmes, as found appropriate for treatment in lectures, discussions, articles and paragraphs in the Press, as well as in religious discourses.

National Baby Week, July 1st—7th.

National Baby Week this year will again be the occasion of a Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare, organised by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, which it is hoped members of the National Baby Week Council, and organisers of Local Baby Weeks, will make a point of attending.

This Conference is to take place in London on July 5th, 6th and 7th, at The Friends' House, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

In connection with the Conference, lectures, and visits to Child Welfare Institutions are being arranged.

Baby Week Film Display in London.

A big display of propaganda films is being arranged by the Council to take place in London during National Baby Week, July 1st to 7th. Admission will be free.

Baby Sunday.

Baby Sunday falls on July 2nd and it is hoped that the day will be thoroughly well observed throughout the country. Members and friends of the Council are specially asked to assist by bringing the subject of Baby Sunday to the notice of the clergy of all denominations and the leaders of the various religious bodies with whom they are acquainted, enlisting their sympathetic co-operation on that day. The Council will gladly supply information on maternity and the child welfare questions, together with literature which would be helpful in the preparation of sermons, addresses and Sunday School lessons.

FALLING BIRTH-RATE.

The Quarterly Return of the Registrar-General for the fourth quarter of 1932 and the return for the year 1932 have been issued. The birth-rate in England and Wales was 15.3, the death-rate 12.0, and the marriage-rate 15.2. The infant mortality was 65 per 1,000 births. The birth-rate was the lowest recorded for the fourth year in succession, being 1.0 below that for 1929 and 1930 and 0.5 below that for 1931.

The sad truth is that the thriftless poor continue to bring into the world (we have before us the report of the prosecution of a man for the neglect and starvation of ten motherless children) unfortunate infants for whom they are unable to provide, and the educated and well-to-do classes, having to largely house, feed, clothe and educate these children, do not venture to breed the type required to maintain a nation of the highest quality.

An instance of where a union of a man and woman had resulted in the birth of seventeen children, twelve of whom were now in mental institutions, was cited by Mr. W. J. Elliott, a director of the N.S.P.C.C., at Southend, when refuting the suggestion that under present-day conditions there was no need for that society.

Mr. Elliott added that another case was brought before the society by a man who, at 1.30 a.m., found two children, blue with cold, crawling on the pavement. When he went into their house he found a child naked, but for a singlet, lying in the ashes of a dead fire. It was nine weeks old. The children had not seen their parents since 5 p.m.

Less than a month ago, said Mr. Elliott, an inspector, entered a house in which a man, his wife, and four children slept in one room. He found two children, aged 7 and 5, playing games round a coffin in which lay their dead brother.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Montgomery County Infirmary, Newtown.—Miss D. W. Swanwick, S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Nottingham, and has been Ward Sister at the Children's Hospital, Derby, Sister at Bradford Hospital, Second Assistant Matron at the City Mental Hospital, Nottingham, Sister at the County Hospital, Hertford, Assistant Matron at the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, and Matron at the General Hospital, Ilkeston.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Aldbury.—Miss E. Coughtrey, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, where she was later Staff Nurse, and has been Staff Nurse at the Fever Hospital, Watford.

SISTER-TUTOR.

South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth.—Miss N. Purvis, D.N., S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-Tutor. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, and has been Sister Tutor and Theatre Sister at the Batley and District Hospital, Batley. Miss Purvis is a Certified Midwife.

HOME SISTER AND SISTER-TUTOR.

Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury.—Miss E. Jordan, S.R.N., has been appointed Home Sister and Sister-Tutor. She was trained at the District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, where she was later Staff Nurse. Miss Jordan has also been Sister at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield; Medical Sister at the British Hospital, Rawalpindi, India; Sister-Tutor in the Preliminary Training School of the Royal Hospital, Salford; Sister-in-Charge at St. Mary's School, Ascot; and Night Sister at the Yorkshire Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Kirbymoorside, York. Miss Jordan holds the House-keeping Certificate of the General Hospital, Northampton, and took the Sister-Tutor's Course at King's College, London.

SISTER-IN-CHARGE.

Royal Infirmary, Dundee.—Miss A. Horsburgh, S.R.N., has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Maternity Department. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and has been Theatre Sister and Sister-Tutor at the Elsie Inglis Hospital, Edinburgh.

NIGHT SISTER.

Stamford, Rutland and General Infirmary, Stamford.—Miss D. M. Mozley, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at Children's Hospital, Nottingham, and at the General Hospital, Nottingham, where she took the Housekeeping Course, and has been Sister at St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham.

Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon.—Miss Ivy M. Parkhouse, S.R.N., has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the University College Hospital, London, and has been Sister of Women's Medical and Accident Ward, and Temporary Night Sister at Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton, and District Nurse and Midwife under the Essex County Nursing Association, Leytonstone. Miss Parkhouse is a Certified Midwife.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. Francis Farman, of Lexham Gardens, left the residue of his property upon trust to Marion Johnston and Dorothy Swinburne Breem "both of whom nursed my wife in her last illness," jointly, and on the decease of either to the survivor if either of them should remain a member of his household and take care of him up to the time of his death.

Mr. George Cox, of Queen's Gate Place, S.W., left £15,000 and certain furniture and personal effects to Margaret Nicoll Caird, "in grateful recognition of many years of devoted service as nurse, reader, housekeeper and secretary."

Sir Robert Jones, Bart., the eminent Orthopaedic Surgeon, of Liverpool, left £200 to his Operation Sister, Miss Marion Perks.

Mr. John Shentall, of Chesterfield, left £100 to Nurse Edith Corbett of Sheffield.

Dame Matilda Filby Smith, of Croham Park Avenue, Croydon, left £210 to her friend and companion-nurse, Katherine A. Smith.

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