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Child Guidance Council.
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Invalid Children's Aid Association.
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National Adoption Society.
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Royal College of Nursing.
Save the Children Fund.

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Tasmanian State Council for Mother and Child.

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Women Public Health Officers Association.

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Miss Somerville was Organising Secretary from February 1943 until her resignation in March, 1944.

SUMMARY OF OBJECTS

(a) To co-ordinate and assist the work of the various national and local voluntary organisations concerned in the care of motherhood, infancy and childhood.

(b) To assist in the establishment and maintenance of such residential institutions as the Constituent Bodies may from time to time find necessary.

(c) To promote a standardisation of training for social welfare workers in connection with motherhood, infancy and childhood.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Annual Report for 1943

THE Council held its Annual General Meeting in the Lecture Hall, Carnegie House, on September 24th, when the Annual Report and Balance Sheet were adopted and the Hon. Officers appointed for the coming year. The Queen's Institute of District Nursing and the National Adoption Society were elected Constituent Societies of the National Council and their Representatives are warmly welcomed as members.

A suggestion that an Association with the National Council of Social Service should be formed was put before the Council and approved in principle. A small Committee was appointed to explore the possibilities so that concrete proposals might be presented for approval during 1944.

The Council held a special meeting in May, when a report from the Reconstruction Committee giving an outline of the work and functions of the Council and proposed changes in the Constitution was presented and approved, the two main developments being (1) the carrying out of the original recommendations for a Bureau of Information and Library, and for conferences through Group Committees; (2) the widening of Membership, especially by the admission of Associate Members.

Meetings and Conferences.

A special meeting of the Council was called to discuss points on current questions in the White Paper on Educational Reconstruction affecting the Constituent Societies and the following resolutions were sent to the Board of Education:—

- (1) "That the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare welcomes the extension of Nursery School Education recommended in the White Paper on Educational Reconstruction. It hopes, however, that full freedom for experiment will be accorded to Local Education Authorities so that they may develop Infant Schools with Nursery School conditions for children aged 2 or 3—7 as well as detached Nursery Schools for children aged 2—5."

(2) "That the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare trusts that the Board of Education will ensure that Residential Schools of Recovery, Residential Schools for Physically Defective Children, Residential Open Air Schools and teaching in Children's Hospitals, shall be an essential part of any Comprehensive Health Service, since these have proved themselves to be of great value to delicate children in developing their mental powers, as well as improving their physical condition, and further that the appropriate Statutory Bodies shall, in making such provision, take into consideration the importance of such Schools being within easy travelling distance of the children's own homes, so that parents can visit, thus ensuring that links with the family are not broken."

(3) "That the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare urges that the permissive powers of the Education Act 1921, whereby Local Authorities may provide Day Schools for Physically Defective Children in co-operation with adjacent Local Education Authorities shall be made compulsory."

(4) "That all helpers working in Nursery Classes and Schools should be given a recognised training for qualification in child care both for their own sake and that of their children."

A meeting of Council Members and others was held at Carnegie House to hear Sir Drummond Shiels, Dr. Hawthorne, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, Miss Turner and Dr. Dunlop speak on different aspects of Regulation 35B. A great deal of valuable information was given to those present.

On May 6th, a large conference was arranged in co-operation with the Women's Group on Public Welfare on "The Condition of Children in the Occupied Countries of Europe". It was held in the Lecture Hall of the Royal Institution, Albemarle Street. The Lord Dawson of Penn presided and the speakers were M. Michaelopoulos, Professor Emile Cammaert, Colonel de Cailley, Mrs. Lothian Small, Professor Young, Miss Pye and Miss Harford. Discussion followed and a resolution passed urging the Government to grant immediate facilities for the transport of food to the children in German Occupied Countries. The Committee would like to thank the Famine Relief Committee for their help in connection with the Speakers and with clerical work.

These special meetings of the Council to which other Organisations are invited, provide a platform for discussion of questions affecting many of the Constituent Bodies and serve a useful purpose in bringing Societies outside the National Council in touch with those belonging to it and so learn something of their different points of view and where there is ground for common action.

The approval given by the National Council to the formation by the War Emergency Committee of Group Committees is another step by which the work of co-ordination is advancing.

Finance.

Thanks to the generous emergency grant of £1,950 given by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust in March, 1943, the National Council was able to meet its expenditure for the year 1942. The Carnegie Trustees realise the difficulties of the National Council during War Years and the help given is most sincerely appreciated. The National Council is greatly indebted to Mrs. Woolrych Perowne, who has acted as Deputy Hon. Treasurer for Mr. Lints Smith, as his health prevented him taking as active a part as he had wished. The National Council's thanks are due to him for the valuable advice he has given and the interest he has taken in all that concerns it. Mrs. Woolrych Perowne, also Chairman of the Finance Committee, is unremitting in her care of the supervision of the financial details of the National Council's work and has given a great deal of her time to it.

The National Council acknowledges with gratitude grants, donations and subscriptions from the following:—

- The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.
- Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society.
- The British Red Cross Society.
- The Institute of Infant Welfare Fund.
- The Princess Elizabeth Day Joint Committee.
- John Lewis Partnership Ltd.
- Thomas McClintock & Co.
- Lady Waddilove.
- Violet, Lady Melchett.
- Mrs. E. Johnson.
- Mrs. Caprone.
- J. A. Day, Esq.
- J. V. Earle, Esq.
- Dr. M. McVail.
- The Eugenic Society.
- The National Adoption Society.

Princess Elizabeth Day.

As one of the 5 organisations forming the Princess Elizabeth Day (Joint) Committee, it is very gratifying to be able to report an increase in the amount collected in London on the two collecting days of 1943. The unflagging efforts of the Organizer, Mr. Grigg, with his Staff, the depot holders and collectors and the continued

generosity of the public are responsible for the figure reaching £54,404. 5s. 7d.

The National Council would like to thank and congratulate all concerned.

War Emergency Committee.

There have been 15 meetings of the War Emergency Committee during the year and a high average of attendance was recorded.

Under the Chairmanship of Dame Louise McIlroy, the Societies through their representatives have together discussed many problems and considered a variety of matters of great importance to their work.

As already mentioned the GROUP COMMITTEES set up by the War Emergency Committee have done good work.

GROUPS FORMED IN 1942.—“The Maternity Services (Planning Committee)” convened by the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres sent a most interesting report to the National Council in September, and “The Training of the Nursery Nurse” (Training Committee) convened by the National Society of Children’s Nurseries is drafting its report which will be ready early in 1944.

GROUPS FORMED IN 1943.—The Group Committee concerned with Population Problems having the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres as the convening body, drew up a report which was forwarded to the Women’s Group on Social Welfare for their information.

The lack of Housing accommodation for women with young children called for action and a group Committee, convened by the College of Midwives, held a special conference in which resolutions were passed drawing the attention of the Ministry of Health to the urgent question of providing houses or self-contained flats for mothers with young children, and asking the Ministry to encourage the provision by Local Authorities and voluntary organisations, of suitable accommodation for Domiciliary Midwives.

A Group Committee on Adoption with the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child as the convening body was also set up and the “Problems connected with the illegitimate children of married women” are being considered by a Group Committee.

The Group Committee on Convalescent Homes for Children under 5 with the Invalid Children’s Aid Association as the convening body met, and as a result of their deliberations sent a letter to the Ministry of Health asking the Minister to consider (a) releasing British Red Cross Auxiliary Hospitals, (b) converting Sick Bays in reception areas, for convalescent home accommodation for children under five.

Special Speakers.

At the request of Dame Louise McIlroy, the following speakers addressed members of the War Emergency Committee during the year:—

Dr. Eden on her maternity work in Lagos;

Mrs. Warburg and Mrs. Michaelis on the work done by the Society for the Immigration of Jewish boys and girls into Palestine to be trained as farmers and to take up permanent residence there;

Lady Gwenneth Cavendish and Noel, Lady Rothes on the work of the National Adoption Society;

and

Miss E. Paget on the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.

Reports and Publications.

The following most interesting publications have been received and discussed:—

A Four Year Plan—by the National Society of Children's Nurseries;

First Stages in Education—by the Nursery School Association;

Suggestions for a National Health Service—by the Women's Public Health Officers' Association.

Short Stay Homes.

A Resolution urging the Ministry of Health to provide more Short Stay Nurseries sent in by the National Council was discussed at a conference of the National Council of Women and carried.

Training of Health Visitors.

At the request of the Women's Public Health Officers' Association a letter urging the extension of the period of training of Health Visitors to 6 months was sent to the Ministry of Health, from which a reply stating that the matter was "Under active consideration" was received.

Representation.

Representatives have attended meetings and conferences of the following organisations:—

Central Council of Health Education;

Public Health Section of the Royal College of Nursing;

The Association of Moral and Social Hygiene;

The London Women's Parliament;

The Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, also:

Conference on Domestic Workers in Institutions;
Conference of Women held at the Albert Hall;
The Women Citizens' Association;
Deputation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Family Allowances;
The Child Health Planning Group.

Co-operation with other Societies.

The National Council is represented on the National Council of Social Service and its Advisory Committee, the Women's Group on Public Welfare, the Women's Advisory Housing Council and the National Council of Women.

Bureau of Information and Library.

A good beginning was made in establishing a Bureau of Information and contacts were made with—

6 Ministries;

The Department of Health for Scotland.

Medical Officers of Health have been circularised and reports received from over 100 voluntary organisations concerned with Maternity and Child Welfare.

A system of filing was established so that there is easy reference to material concerned with Maternity and Child Welfare.

Enquiries.

Amongst many enquiries the following have used the Bureau Service:—

The Greek Ministry in London;

The Ministry of Information;

South African Red Cross Society (Transvaal Branch);

The British Council;

Citizens' Advice Bureaux;

Legal Aid Section, Southern Command, Home Forces;

U.S. Office of War Information;

Joint Council of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the British Red Cross Society.

News Bulletin.

The News Bulletin has been published twice. Owing to Board of Trade restrictions this Bulletin is now to be called a "Report". This Report aims at giving news about the activities of the National Council and its Constituent Societies and any other interesting information that comes to the Editor's notice.

Several Medical Officers of Health have asked that they may receive copies of this report regularly, as has also the Transvaal Branch of the South African Red Cross Society. A copy has been sent to Mexico City by the British Council.

Library.

The Library has been re-indexed and re-catalogued and the Rules amended to bring them up to date. Many new members have joined the Library during the year. Forty-eight new books were added to the Library.

Grateful thanks are due to various members and friends who gave contributions and books to the Library.

Miss Keating.

In recognition of her most excellent work and long service with the National Council as Organiser, members of the Council and fellow-workers have sent her a leather case containing a cheque and two volumes of "English Homes" with a letter of appreciation and good wishes for her happiness and success in the future.

Resignation of Secretary.

It is with the greatest regret the Council has accepted the resignation of Miss Moffat, who has been Secretary for the past twenty-five years, and whose work has been so valuable to the Council and to the co-ordination of the affiliated Societies. Miss Moffat has been unfailing in her help, and her courtesy and attention to all requests have been very much appreciated. She has given the most loyal service to the work and it will be very difficult to fill her place. She leaves the Council not only with our regrets but carries with her the affection of those with whom she has been associated, and the best wishes of all for her future happiness and well-being.

Mr. Lints Smith.

The National Council very much regrets to record the death of Mr. Lints Smith, and extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. Lints Smith in her sorrow.

Mr. Lints Smith was always ready to help with his time and his most valuable advice, his passing is a very great loss to the National Council.

(Signed) A. LOUISE McILROY,

Chairman of National Council and War Emergency Committee.

CHILD WELFARE EXHIBITIONS.

Although it is now the fifth year of the war the exhibition is still extremely active and proving most valuable in the teaching of child care.

The Ministry of Health was approached with regard to the manufacture of demonstration baby dolls and the matter has been dealt with sympathetically. The Ministry are prepared to encour-

age the manufacture of such models and it is hoped that in 1944 some models will be available.

It has been agreed that there should be one Clothing Committee in Carnegie House and the members of the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centre's Committee now serve on the Exhibitions Clothing sub-Committee. Mrs. Lanchester was elected Chairman, with Mrs. Lister as Vice-Chairman. Various new garments have been designed during 1943; and the Exhibitions Committee is greatly indebted to the Institute of Infant Welfare Fund for enabling them to undertake this work and to the Ministry of Health and the Board of Trade for helping them to obtain materials for new exhibits.

Model garments have been made for the Glasgow and West of Scotland College of Domestic Science, for use at the College.

EXHIBITIONS. Various sections of the exhibition have been sent for exhibitions held in Plymouth, Salford, for the Nursery School exhibition at Bentalls', Kingston-on-Thames, the Reading Nursery Week, and the Maternity and Child Welfare Conference. Also exhibits have been sent to the Ministry of Health courses for trained nurses doing nursery work in Scotland, Newcastle and London.

The new improvised toy equipment was on view at the Maternity and Child Welfare Conference and proved very popular. To complete this exhibit many attractive photographs have been taken to illustrate the work.

It had been suggested that the nutrition models on view at Carnegie House should be revised and the Ministry of Food were invited to give their opinion on this Nutrition section. A meeting was suggested to take place between representatives of the Ministries of Food and Health and other nutritional experts in order to discuss the possibility of bringing the present exhibits up to date.

The Exhibitions Committee is at present planning a new 'posture' exhibit and series of photographs, covering the management of children.

LECTURES. During the past year lectures have been given to The Girls' Training Corps; Women's Co-operative Guilds; A.T.S.; W.A.A.F.; North Western Polytechnic; Morley College; B.R.C.S.; St. John Ambulance Brigade and in Welfare Centres.

The Organiser was invited to speak at two week-end courses for Senior Officers of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Oxford. Advice and guidance has been given in illustrating the new mothercraft manual for the St. John Ambulance Brigade, in which the exhibitions model garments are used.

VISITS TO THE PERMANENT EXHIBITION have been made by groups

of health visitor students from The Royal College of Nursing, Battersea Polytechnic, National Health Society; and from health visitors from Shoreditch and Middlesex, also nursery schools teachers, nursery matrons and nursery students.

The demand for films and mothercraft equipment has been great and showed an increase on the previous year, but we regretfully had to refuse many enquirers owing to the lack of exhibits. Approval has been given for the purchase of further copies of the films.

For all information regarding charges for hire, fees and the sale of exhibits, application should be made to:—

The Secretary, Exhibitions Department, 117, Piccadilly,
London, W.1.

Thanks.

The Exhibitions Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks to the Institute of Infant Welfare Fund for the many benefits which the Trustees have so generously bestowed on the Exhibitions.

The Committee desires to record its appreciation of the regular help given by the voluntary workers, Miss Tomlin, Miss Buck and Mrs. Kenyon.

Acknowledgment.

The resignation of Miss Horn after many years of unstinted work and devoted interest brings a sense of deep personal loss to the Committee. Her unrivalled experience, her exceptional training, her wise and kindly personality (so truly appreciated by Miss Haldane and by other original founders of Carnegie House), have made her an invaluable member of a body that has always put Education in the forefront of its aims. With the knowledge of the professional and the enthusiasm of the volunteer Miss Horn has been able to offer an unique contribution to work that makes demands on head and heart alike.

We wish her complete recovery from ill-health and a happy and refreshing respite from her arduous and unselfish labours, but we shall not cease to miss her wise counsel and delightful personality.

(Signed) CYNTHIA COLVILLE,
Chairman, Exhibitions Committee.

CHILD CARE RESERVE

The year 1943 saw the Child Care Reserve Courses run throughout the country by the Local Education Authorities according to local needs. The London County Council having taken over the London Courses in December 1942 has run both Senior and Supplementary Courses since that date.

The following is a summary of the number of Courses held during 1943 together with the total number of Membership Cards issued since inception.

Number of Courses held from Jan. 1st—Dec. 31st, 1943:—

	<i>Jun.</i>	<i>Sen.</i>	<i>Suppmty.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
England	8	84	17	109
Scotland	0	5	0	5
Wales	3	0	0	3
	—	—	—	—
	11	89	17	117
	—	—	—	—

Total Number of Membership Cards issued since inception:—

	<i>1940</i>	<i>1941</i>	<i>1942</i>	<i>1943</i>	<i>Total</i>	
Senior & A and B	390	approx.	115	2,912	1,858	5,284
Junior	0		0	8	102	110
Supplementary	0		0	87	458	545
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					5,939	—

It will be noticed that the need for women to work as Wardens in War-time Nurseries has been met by the increased number of Supplementary Courses held throughout the country.

Gibraltar Evacuee Hostels Nurseries

The work of the Child Care Reserve Office in staffing the Nurseries in the Ministry of Health Gibraltar Evacuee Centres continued.

There were nurseries in 27 hostels with a permanent staff of 55 Child Care Reserve Nursery Assistants and a fluctuating number of Temporary Assistants on a day to day basis. During December it was decided by the Ministry of Health that the permanent Child Care Reserve Nursery Assistants should come under the Rushcliffe scale of salaries, with a retrospective increase in pay from April 1st, 1943.

Work of the Organiser

Miss Chesters lectured during the year to both Senior and Supplementary Courses, chiefly the latter.

The Secretary

Mrs. Dowden having resigned in December, 1942 and Miss Wellsted being appointed in her place, the latter took up her duties on January 15th, 1943, and has carried on the work most efficiently.

Office Staff

As the work became lighter it was found that the general office work could be done by two clerks, Mrs. Mizon doing the financial side of the work and Mrs. Houseman being responsible for the clerical side. Both have given loyal and ungrudging service, and the smooth running of the office in 1943 was largely due to their co-operation.

(Signed) MARIE C. GALWAY,
Chairman, Child Care Reserve Executive Committee.

UNIFORM CONCESSION

The Uniform Concession Scheme has made good progress. The is shown by the yearly increase in membership, and the welcome expressions of appreciation from many of the members. As the work grows, so it becomes increasingly interesting and wider in scope. Large numbers of enquiries are made by individuals and organisations, which do not come within this particular Scheme. It has thus become a kind of clearing house for those seeking information.

Frequently one single application involves close scrutiny of the files of previous years, so that each individual may be treated with absolute fairness.

Apart from the routine work of correspondence, registrations, issuing Promissory letters to members, and vouchers to shops, many Credit Notes are sent out. These Credit Notes have been found very useful for those changing their posts. The Credit Note shows clearly what coupons have been surrendered, and so saves much confusion and possible surrender of unnecessary coupons on taking up a new position.

The following figures are for the coupon year 1st September, 1942 to 31st August, 1943:—

Number of Members registered	1,756
Number of Nurseries on books	286
Vouchers received from Board of Trade	...	50,000	
Clothing coupons sent to Board of Trade	...	14,110	

From 1st September to 31st December 1,119 registered, of which 569 are members who registered last year. (New 550.)

The Board of Trade reduced the quota to 6 coupons for the year 1943/44; for the previous year the quota had been 9 coupons per member. A further reduction is made for students starting training. Those who started work in September surrendered the full quota of 6 coupons, but those whose training started later have a sliding scale of reduced coupons. The allowance of uniform remains unchanged.

We are in close and friendly touch with the Principals of the large Nursery Organisations, and help is readily forthcoming from the various Societies housed in Carnegie House.

Special mention should be made of the wise and kind guidance of Miss Moffat, to whom all knotty points are submitted for her experienced advice.

Grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Alec Waley, our valued voluntary worker, for her untiring and energetic help of every variety.

As in previous years our cordial relations with the Board of Trade remain unchanged, and we greatly value the sympathetic assistance of the Staff.

(Signed.) EVA READING.

Chairman.

ADDRESSES OF SOCIETIES REPRESENTED ON NATIONAL COUNCIL

- Association of Nursery Training Colleges, Ltd.,
8, Chester Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
- Association of Sick Children's Hospital Nurses,
Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, London, S.E.1.
- Central Council for the Care of Cripples,
34, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.
- Child Guidance Council,
39, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.
- College of Midwives,
57, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.1.
- The Eugenics Society,
69, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.
- Invalid Children's Aid Association,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.
- Mothercraft Training Society,
Cromwell House, Highgate Hill, N.6.
- National Adoption Society,
4, Baker Street, W.1.
- National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and
for the Prevention of Infant Mortality,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.
- National Baby Welfare Council (including National Baby Week
Council),
29, Gordon Square, W.C.1.
- National Children Adoption Association,
71, Knightsbridge, S.W.1.
- National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.
- National Society of Children's Nurseries,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.
- Nursery School Association of Great Britain,
1, Park Crescent, Portland Place, W.1.
- Queen's Institute of District Nursing,
57, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.1.
- Royal College of Nursing,
Henrietta Place, Cavendish Square, W.1.
- Save the Children Fund,
20, Gordon Square, W.C.1.
- The Women Public Health Officers Association,
5, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL.)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1943

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To BANK OVERDRAFT						
General Account	896	3	2			
Child Care Reserve and Gibraltar Evacuees Account	538	8	2			
			1,434	11	4	
To CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES						
General Account	169	12	10			
Gibraltar Evacuees Account	472	3	2			
			641	16	0	
To BALANCE OF UNIFORMS CONCESSION						
Account Carried Forward			79	19	1	
To ACCUMULATED FUND						
As at 31st December, 1942	3,800	9	2			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year, per annexed Account	489	11	5			
			4,290	0	7	
			6,446	7	0	
To AMOUNT SET ASIDE IN CONNECTION WITH PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S FLAG DAY						
For 1944 Expenses	560	0	0			
For distribution to participating Societies	4,253	11	6			
			4,813	11	6	
			£11,259	18	6	
BY CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND						
At Bank—Exhibitions Account				151	7	0
In Hand				18	0	6
				169	7	6
BY INVESTMENTS AT COST						
£1,647 6s. 8d. 3½% War Stock				1,688	2	3
£2,340 0s. 6d. 3% Funding Stock 1959/69 (Market Value £4,038 7s. 0d.)				2,300	0	0
				3,988	2	3
BY DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE						
General Account				1,003	8	11
Child Care Reserve Account				342	10	0
Gibraltar Evacuees Account				668	1	4
				2,014	0	3
BY FURNITURE AND FITTINGS						
At Cost less Depreciation				283	0	3
At 31st December, 1942				6	6	0
Additions				289	6	3
				14	9	3
Less: Depreciation						
				274	17	0
				6,446	7	0
				4,813	11	6
				£11,259	18	6

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet dated 31st December, 1943, and have received all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

ALDERMAN'S HOUSE,
BISHOPSGATE, E.C. 4

BARTON, MAYHEW & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors

Dr. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943 Cr.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION		By GRANTS	
Salaries—General	958 4 3	British Red Cross Society	100 0 0
Salaries—Exhibition	268 18 10	Carnegie Trustees	1,956 17 8
Printing and Stationery (including Report)	189 5 9	Joint Council of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and the British Red Cross Society	500 0 0
Postage and Telegrams	35 1 11		
General and Travelling Expenses	54 18 3	DONATIONS—GENERAL	
Audit and Accountancy Charges	52 10 0	" PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S FLAG DAY	
Depreciation of Furniture	14 9 3	Amount received from Joint Committee	8,219 4 8
Telephone	35 2 7	Deduct: 1943 Expenses	1,059 0 8
		Less: Reserve made 1942	700 0 0
" HOUSE ACCOUNT	1,608 10 10		
Caretaker, Cleaning Lift and Sundry Expenses	797 6 6	Deduct: Reserve for 1944 Expenses	359 0 8
General Repairs	51 1 10		
Insurances, including War Damage Part II	103 5 11		
Lighting and Heating	176 18 11		
Rent, Rates and Taxes	1,120 3 0		
Air Raid Precautions	15 0 0		
	2,263 16 2		
" DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS			
INTEREST ON BANK OVERDRAFT	2 2 0	10% thereof paid to the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare	730 0 0
EXHIBITIONS	19 10 1	COVENANTED DONATIONS ACCOUNT	282 15 2
Travelling and Other Expenses	68 6 11	RENTS RECEIVABLE AND HIRE OF HALL	1,074 3 0
Remuneration for help with Exhibits	36 17 6	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS (GROSS)	127 17 0
Purchases, including Goods for Re-sale	157 18 3	LIBRARY ACCOUNT (SUBSCRIPTIONS)	9 16 8
		EXHIBITION RECEIPTS	
Less: Grant from Institute of Infant Welfare	263 2 8	Hire of Exhibition and Lecture Fees	85 15 4
	91 2 6	Sales	177 2 7
" BUREAU OF INFORMATION			
LIBRARY	172 0 2	UNIFORMS CONCESSION ACCOUNT	
CHILD CARE RESERVE ACCOUNT	517 19 7	Receipts	473 7 4
Salaries	10 2 1	Less: Expenditure	393 8 3
Rent		Amount carried forward per Balance Sheet	£79 19 1
Stationery and Telephone	1,173 12 2		
Postage	200 0 0		
Film Expenses	70 3 2		
Sundry Expenses	39 5 1		
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	18 10 0		
Outside Organisers' Expenses	7 12 10		
	24 15 9		
	216 11 0		
Less: Grant received or receivable from Ministry of Health	1,750 10 0		
	1,750 10 0		
" GIBRALTAR EVACUEES ACCOUNT			
Salaries	6,601 8 0		
Postages	52 4 6		
Reserve for Retrospective In- crease in Salaries	472 3 2		
	7,125 15 8		
Less: Grant received or receivable from Ministry of Health	7,125 15 8		
" BALANCE, BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EX- PENDITURE for the year, carried to Balance Sheet	489 11 5		
	£5,083 12 4		

CHILD WELFARE TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

of the
National Council for
Maternity and Child Welfare

The Travelling Exhibition may be hired complete including films and projector with a lecturer in charge.

Sections may be hired separately for teaching purposes, largely used by Education and Health Authorities for the teaching of Mothercraft, Nutrition, etc., and in connection with the Child Care Reserve Courses.

Films can be hired, or shown at Carnegie House to groups of students.

Patterns, up-to-date and with new designs for infants and children's clothing. Poster, literature, etc.

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