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List of archives, etc., of the National Association
for Maternal and Child Welfare and its predecessors,
covering the period 1906 - 1981, held at the
Association's Offices, 1 South Audley Street,
London, W1Y 6JS, made by Adrian Allan, Assistant
Archivist, University of Liverpool, 21 April 1982.

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A. Acknowledgements.

I would like to thank Vera, Lady Dawe, for drawing my attention to the existence of these records and to Mr. William S. Rice, the General Secretary of the National Association, for permitting me to list them and for all the help he and Mrs. Leonora Pitcairn (formerly head of the Association's Education Department) gave me.

The survey was made in the light of the research and archive acquisition interests of the University of Liverpool (which has declared its interests in acquiring the archives of national bodies relating to children for which no existing repository provides a natural home, which are at risk and which have a relevance to research in the University) and my own interests in the sources for the social history of medicine.

B. Notes on procedure and classes of record not found.

1. Mr. Rice informed me that the Association's Library was disposed of some years ago whilst the Association was housed in B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London. Whilst he was not then on the staff he suggested Miss Betteridge, as a long-serving member of staff, might be able to indicate the nature of the library's stock and whether any of it was given to other libraries.
2. The National Association does not have local branches. Local health authorities etc. are affiliated to the Association and are represented on its Council.
3. The National Association is registered as a charity and so presumably some of the gaps in the series of annual reports etc. may be filled by the holdings of the Charity Commission (Central Register of Charities, St. Albans House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX).
4. Inasmuch as my visit occupied only three hours there was no time to enquire of the Education Department regarding retained copies of other publications, etc., but it is believed that few such publications etc. of any age survive other than those here listed.
5. The National Association occupies several rooms on the second floor of 1, South Audley Street, which is in Mayfair, other occupants of the building including the National Association for Gifted Children.

The following entry appears in Sir Nikolaus Pevsner's The Buildings of England : London I The Cities of London and Westminster, Penguin Books, 1957, p.575:-

"[South Audley Street].. Nos. 2 and 1, red brick with very gay Renaissance detail c.1878-9. By Frederick P. Cockerell [1833-78], completed by [George] Aitchison"

Mr. Rice informed me that the house was, for a time, the London home of Sir John Reeves Ellerman, the exceptionally wealthy shipping magnate, and that the charitable trust he established, the New Moorgate Trust, are the owners of the building, leasing accommodation in it to such charitable bodies as the National

Association. For Sir John Ellerman (1862-1933) see The Dictionary of National Biography 1931-1940, 1949, pp. 255-257, which refers to "the great Victorian mansion at 1 South Audley Street.. his house overflowed with mosaics, tapestries, carvings, furniture, and a medley of objects, some of them works of art and others without value.." Even nowadays some of the panelling etc. surviving in 1 South Audley Street contributes to the unique, attractive character of the building.

C. Brief note on the history of the Association.

There is no published history of the National Association although Mrs. Leonora Pitcairn tells me she hopes to write a portrait of the association's work over the years based on the surviving records, recollections, etc.

As an analysis of the titles of the various listed annual reports etc., reveals, the National Association was formed out of an amalgamation, in c. 1938, of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality (NAPIM) and the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres (AMCWC). The amalgamated body was initially entitled the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, by 1948 becoming the National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare and by 1958 the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare, its current title.

Of the two original branches, the NAPIM traced its origins back to 1906 (see Minutes listed on p.15) and became part of what became known as the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare (itself incorporated in 1905). For the Annual Reports of this National League see the list pp. 6-9.

The other branch, the AMCWC, was founded in 1911 under the name of The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, and was entitled the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres by 1930 (see the list p. 9).

For over twenty five years the National Association had its offices at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, moving to 1, South Audley Street, W.1 on 9 Dec. 1976. Prior to this period the NAPIMWI is found occupying offices at 4 Tavistock Square by 1914, the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare also being based at 4 and 5 Tavistock Square by 1919 and until c.1920.

Nowadays the work of the National Association is thriving. Under the patronage of H.M. The Queen, the Association has and still holds prestigious and influential national conferences annually, the venue being in various centres in Britain (e.g. in Southport in 1962 and in Edinburgh in 1965). The work of the Association's Education Department is particularly significant in its influence on present and future generations.

The "rival" association to the National Association, the National Baby Welfare Council (which was formed in the early 20th century), was finally dissolved in 1963. Linked with the local authority health departments and with DHSS (as indeed is nowadays the National Association), the Council's organ was the monthly journal, Mother and Child, which finally ceased publication in 1974; apparently the British Museum (Library) and the Bodleian Library were sent copies of the journal. Various records of the Council are deposited with the Librarian, the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 8 Hunter Street, London, W.C.1.

The archives of the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare were made use of in Jane Lewis, The Politics of Motherhood : Child and Maternal Welfare in England, 1900-1939, Croom Helm, London, 1980.

D. List of archives, etc.

(a) in the office of the General Secretary, Mr. William Rice,
kept in a bookcase.

Annual Reports (8 vols.)

Recently bound up copies of published Annual Reports entitled on covers as below:-

Photographs reproduced in reports for 1926 onwards.

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy : Annual Report,

1914

(1 vol.)

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy : Annual Report,

1915

The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, incorporated 1905, its Infant Welfare Department, The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, and its London Branch, The Mansion House Council on Health and Housing : Annual Reports,

1916

[The National League for Health, Maternity, and Child Welfare]: report for the year 1918 incorporating reports of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, American Red Cross and Four Borough Ante-Natal Clinics Committee. The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, and Mansion House Council on Health and Housing, for 1918.

1918

(cover and part of pp.27-30 missing)

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare. Incorporated 1905. 4 and 5, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. Annual Report for 1919, and of its sections, The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, The Mansion House Council on Health and Housing. The National Baby Week Council, The National Society of Day Nurseries, The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, The Women's Imperial Health Association, The Women's National Health Association of Ireland, The Child Welfare Exhibitions Committee of The National Council of Women.

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare. Incorporated 1905. 4 and 5, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. In which are included The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, The Mansion House Council on Health and Housing. The National Baby Week Council, The National Society of Day Nurseries, The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, The Women's Imperial Health Association, The Women's National Health Association of Ireland, The Child Welfare Exhibitions Committee of The National Council of Women : Annual Report, for

1920

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare. Incorporated 1905. Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, London W.1. In which are included The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, The Mansion House Council on Health and Housing. The National Baby Week Council, The National Society of Day Nurseries, The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, The Women's Imperial Health Association, The Women's National Health Association of Ireland, The Child Welfare Exhibitions Committee of The National Council of Women : Annual Report, for

1921

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare. Incorporated 1905. Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, London, W.1. In which are included The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, The Mansion House Council on Health and Housing, The National Baby Week Council, The National Society of Day Nurseries, The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, The Women's National Health Association of Ireland :

Annual Report, for

1922

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare [: Annual Report for year ended 31 Dec. 1923 covering the League, its Babies' Homes Department, Marjorie Lumley Toddlers' Holiday Home (Maidenhead), John Madocks Babies' Convalescent Home (Old Basing), Nursing Mothers' Convalescent Home (Broadstairs, subsequently Hackbridge), National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, Mansion House Council on Health and Housing, The National Baby Week Council, The National Society of Day Nurseries, National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, and The Women's National Health Association of Ireland, for

1923]

(covers missing)

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare. Incorporated 1905. Carnegie House, 117 Piccadilly, London, W.1. In which are included The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, The National Baby Week Council, The National Society of Day Nurseries, The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, The Women's National Health Association of Ireland :

Annual Report, for

1924

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare. Incorporated 1905. Carnegie House, 117 Piccadilly, London, W.1. In which are included The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, The National Baby Week Council, The National Society of Day Nurseries, The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, The Women's National Health Association of Ireland :

Annual Report, for

1925

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare [Annual Report for 1926, covering the League, its Babies' Homes Department, the Marjorie Lumley Toddlers' Convalescent Home, John Madocks Convalescent Babies' Home, The Arkley Toddlers' Convalescent Home, The Creagh Nursing Training School (Kensington), The Babies' Hotel and Nursery Training School (London), National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, National Baby Week Council, The National Society of Day Nurseries, The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child, and The Women's National Health Association of Ireland, for

1926]

(title page missing)

The National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare [: Annual Report for the year ended 31 Dec. 1927, covering the League, etc. as in 1926 Report with the exception of The Creagh Nursery Training School, and The Babies' Hotel and Nursery Training School,

(1 vol.)

1927]

(cover missing)

Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres including the Babies' Homes Department and the Infant Welfare Workers' Employment Bureau : Annual Report,

1928

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality : Annual Report,

1928

Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres including the Babies' Homes Department and the Infant Welfare Workers' Employment Bureau : Annual Report,

1929

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality : Annual Report,

1929

Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres (founded in 1911 under the name of "The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres") including the Babies' Homes Department and the Infant Welfare Workers' Employment Bureau : Annual Report,

1930

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality : Annual Report,

1931

Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres (founded in 1911 under the name of "The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres") including the Babies' Homes Department and the Infant Welfare Workers' Employment Bureau : Annual Report,

1932

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality : Annual Report,

1933

Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres (founded in 1911 under the name of "The Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres") including the Babies' Homes Department and the Infant Welfare Workers' Employment Bureau : Annual Report,

1934

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality : Annual Report,

1935

National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality (An amalgamation of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres) : Annual Report,

1938

National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality (An amalgamation of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres) : Annual Report,

1939

National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality (An amalgamation of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres) : Annual Report,

1940

National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality (An amalgamation of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres) : Annual Report,

(1 vol.)

1941

National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality (An amalgamation of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres) : Annual Report,

1942

Annual Report 1944 : National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality

Annual Report 1945 : National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality

National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality : Annual Report,

1946

National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality : Annual Report,

1947

National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare : Annual Report for:-

1 Jan. 1948 - 31 March 1949
1 April 1949 - 31 March 1950
1 April 1951 - 31 March 1952
1 April 1952 - 31 March 1953
1 April 1953 - 31 March 1954
1 April 1954 - 31 March 1955
1 April 1955 - 31 March 1956
1 April 1956 - 31 March 1957

National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare : (1 vol.)
Annual Report for:-

1 April 1957 - 31 March 1958
1 April 1958 - 31 March 1959
1 April 1959 - 31 March 1960
1 April 1960 - 31 March 1961
1 April 1961 - 31 March 1962
1962 - 1963
1963 - 1964
1964 - 1965
1965 - 1966 (loose in vol. : proof copy)
1966 - 1967
1967 - 1968
1968 - 1969
1969 - 1970
1970 - 1971

National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare : (1 vol.)
Annual Report for:-

1971 - 1972
1972 - 1973
1973 - 1974
1974 - 1975

National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare : (1 vol.)
Annual Report for:-

1975 - 1976
1976 - 1977

National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare : (1 vol.)
Annual Report for:-

1977 - 1978
1978 - 1979

National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare : (1 vol.)
Annual Report for:-

1979 - 1980
1980 - 1981

Conference Reports and Proceedings (7 vols.)

Recently bound up copies of published Conference Reports and Proceedings entitled on covers as below:-

Third English-Speaking Conference on Infant Welfare (1 vol.)
held at Caxton Hall, Westminster,..Report of the
Proceedings,

1924

(held 1-3 July 1924)

Fourth English-Speaking Conference on Maternity and
Child Welfare held at Caxton Hall, Westminster,..
Report of the Proceedings,

1926

(held 5-7 July 1926)

National Conference on Maternity and Infant Welfare..
Report of the Proceedings,

1927

(held 5-7 July 1927, in London)

National Conference on Maternity and Infant Welfare..
Report of the Proceedings,

1928

(held 4-6 July 1928, in London)

National Association for the Prevention of Infant
Mortality : Reports on the present position of the
Maternity and Child Welfare Movement in English-
Speaking Countries, prepared for the 5th English-
Speaking Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare,

July, 1929

Fifth English-Speaking Conference on Maternity and
Child Welfare.. Report of the Proceedings,

1929

(held 2-4 July 1929, in London)

National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare..
Report of the Proceedings,

1930

(held 1-3 July 1930, in London)

National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare..
Report of the Proceedings,

1931

(held 1-3 July 1931, in Cardiff)

National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare:

(1 vol.)

[Programmes and Reports of Proceedings] of Annual
Conferences held on the following dates:-

28th - 30th June 1950	programme only
27th - 29th June 1951	programme and proceedings
25th - 27th June 1952	programme and proceedings
10th - 12th June 1953	proceedings
30th June - 2nd July 1954	programme and proceedings
22nd June - 24th June 1955	programme and proceedings
19th June - 22nd June 1956	programme and proceedings
26th June - 28th June 1957	programme and proceedings
25th June - 27th June 1958	programme and proceedings
21st - 23rd July 1959	programme and proceedings
22nd - 24th June 1960	programme and proceedings

National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare: (1 vol.)

[Programmes and Reports of Proceedings] of Annual
Conferences held on the following dates:-

28th - 30th June 1961	programme and proceedings
20th - 22nd June 1962	programme and proceedings
12th - 14th June 1963	proceedings
1st - 3rd July 1964	programme and proceedings
16th - 18th June 1965	programme and proceedings
29th June - 1st July 1966	programme and proceedings
21st - 23rd June 1967	programme and proceedings
12th - 14th June [1967]	proceedings
12th - 14th June 1968	programme
8th - 10th July 1969	programme and proceedings
24th - 26th June 1970	programme and proceedings
30th June - 2nd July 1971	programme and proceedings

National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare: (1 vol.)

[Programmes and Reports of Proceedings] of Annual
Conferences held on the following dates:-

5th - 7th July 1972	programme and proceedings
27th - 29th June 1973	programme and proceedings
26th - 28th June 1974	programme and proceedings
8th - 10th July 1975	programme

National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare: (1 vol.)

[Programmes and Reports of Proceedings] of Annual
Conferences held on the following dates:-

23rd - 25th June 1976	proceedings (only)
29th June 1977	proceedings (only)

National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare: (1 vol.)

[Programmes and Reports of Proceedings] of Annual
Conferences held on the following dates:-

29th June 1978	proceedings (only)
27th - 29th June 1979	programme and proceedings

National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare: (1 vol.)

[Programmes and Reports of Proceedings] of Annual
Conferences held on the following dates:-

25th June 1980	programme and proceedings
22nd July 1981	proceedings (only)

- (b) in the office of the General Secretary, Mr. William Rice,
kept in a drawer of a metal filing cabinet.

Minute Books

Minutes of Preliminary Conference in the Town Hall, Leeds on 23 Feb. 1906 on the subject of infantile mortality, Minutes of the General and Executive Committees of the National Conference on Infantile Mortality and of the Executive Committee of the Second National Conference on Infantile Mortality, 23rd Feb. 1906 - 4th June 1912, and Minutes of a Public Meeting at Caxton Hall on 4th June 1912 (at which it was resolved to establish a National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality). (1 vol.)

Loose in the volume: duplicated typescript copy of Minutes of a Preliminary Meeting of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Promotion of the Welfare of Children under School Age, 8th July 1912.

No index; signed.

23rd Feb. 1906 - 8th July 1912

Minutes of a Preliminary Meeting and of the Provisional Executive Committee and the Executive Committee of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Promotion of the Welfare of Children under School Age, later, eventually, entitled the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality (a section of the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare). (1 vol.)

Stuck into the volume are a few accounts, a copy of the Constitution of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and for the Welfare of Infancy [1912], a copy of the National Association's report on the training of midwives (1914), etc.

No index; signed.

8th July 1912 - 20th Oct. 1924

Minutes of the Executive and Finance Committees and of the Sub-Committee on the National Health Insurance Act of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. (1 vol.)

Stuck into the volume are reports and financial statements.

No index; signed.

17th Nov. 1924 - 18th Dec. 1933

Minutes of the Executive and Finance Committees and the Editorial and Finance Sub-Committees of the Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, later entitled the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. (1 vol.)

Stuck into the volume are reports, etc.

No index; signed.

7th Jan. 1930 - 17th April 1934

Minutes of the Executive and Finance Committees, the Editorial and Air Raid Precautions Sub-Committees, and the Sub-Committee on Evacuation of Children under 5 years of the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, later entitled the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. (1 vol.)

Stuck into the volume are reports.

No index; signed.

8th May 1934 - 19th Dec. 1938

Minutes of the Executive and Finance Committees of the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. (1 vol.)

Stuck and clipped into the volume are a few reports, etc.

No index; signed.

27th April 1942 - 22nd Oct. 1945

Minutes of the Executive and Finance Committees of the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. (1 vol.)

Loose in the volume are reports, etc.

No index; signed.

22nd Oct. 1945 - 4th July 1949

Minutes of the Provisional Executive, Executive, Finance, and Finance and General Purposes Committees of the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare. (1 vol.)

No index; signed.

5th Sept. 1949 - 8th Jan. 1962

Minutes of meetings of the Problem Families Group (1 vol.)
(which were held at the offices of NAMCW with the latter acting as convenors of the Group, the first meeting being held on 9th July 1952).

No index; signed.

9th - 28th July 1952

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare. (1 vol.)

Stapled into the volume are several reports, etc.

Index (to first few pages only); signed.

14th May 1962 - 6th Sept. 1976

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, entitled (from Sept. 1964 onwards) the Finance Committee of the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare. (1 vol.)

Stuck into the volume are accounts.

No index; signed.

14th May 1962 - 1st March 1971

Presentation Volume

Volume entitled "Presentation to Miss J. Halford, O.B.E. National Baby Week 1929" (1 vol.)

Comprises signatures of those joining in a presentation to Miss Halford in recognition of her long and valued service to the cause of Infant Welfare; the signatories include Viscount Astor, the Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, and Miss Margaret Beavan (of Liverpool).

Loose in the volume are (a) a press cutting reproducing a photograph of Miss Halford (b) an article about her on the award to her of the O.B.E. [probably taken from a publication of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality], n.d. [1928], and (c) a typescript extract re Miss Halford taken from Who Was Who.

[Who Was Who 1941-1950, 4th ed., 1967, p.487

"Halford, Jeannette, O.B.E. 1928... Secretary, 1900-8, to the International Co-op. Alliance in connection with which the organisation of four International Congresses was carried out; Hon.Secretary, National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and of the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, 1909-37; founder and Hon.Secretary, Cookham Child Welfare and Nursery Centres, 1939-46.

.. Publications: .. editing of.. and in English only of reports of National Conferences on Infant Mortality, 1913-33.

...Address : Cottlesloe, Cookham..

Died 27th Feb. 1950".

(c) in the corridor outside the Office of the General Secretary,
Mr. William Rice.

Oil Portrait

Framed and glazed large, full length oil portrait of an unnamed lady

[presumed to have been a benefactor of one of the present National Association's predecessors], n.d.
[? 1910s - 1920s]

No artist's name visible.

[It is understood that the advice of a national firm of art auctioneers has been taken but that as a result the names of the artist or sitter were not ascertained]