

The Health Congress, 1953.

Promoting the Health of the People.

SUBJECTS OF OUTSTANDING IMPORTANCE will be discussed at the Royal Sanitary Institute's Health Congress at Hastings from Tuesday, April 28th, to Friday, May 1st, inclusive.

Lord Eustace Percy, P.C., the Congress President, will open the proceedings when he addresses the delegates and members at the Inaugural Meeting. The anticipated attendance of about 2,500 will include representatives of most of the local authorities, government departments, public bodies, universities and kindred learned societies in Great Britain and of many throughout the world.

The preliminary programme, recently issued by the Royal Sanitary Institute, shows that the following addresses and papers will be read in the sections and conferences into which the Congress will be divided:—

Section A, Preventive Medicine

Address by the President, Fred Messer, C.B.E., J.P., M.P., Chairman, Central Health Services Council.

Discussion on "The Tasks Ahead in Preventive Medicine," to be opened by:

- (a) John F. Warin, M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Oxford.
- (b) R. Scott, M.D., D.P.H., Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Health and Social Medicine, University of Edinburgh.

Section B, Engineering and Architecture

Address by the President.

"A Review of Existing Legislation Concerning Rural Sewerage and Water Supply, etc." (author to be announced shortly).

"Planning for Handicapped Children," by Philip Skelcher, F.R.I.B.A.

Section C, Maternal and Child Health

Address by the President, B. E. Schlesinger, O.B.E., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., Senior Physician to the Children's Department, University College Hospital, London, and the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

Discussion on "The Future of the Maternity and Child Welfare Service," to be opened by:

- (a) Frederick J. W. Miller, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Assistant Physician, Children's Department, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- (b) Maurice R. Woods, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (general practitioner).
- (c) Dorothy F. Egan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Senior Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare, London C.C.
- (d) Miss V. R. Shand, Supervisor of Midwives, Lancashire C.C.

Discussion on "The Place of the Social Worker in the Maternity and Child Welfare Service," to be opened by:

- (a) Miss Mary Hellier, M.B., Ch.B., a general practitioner.
- (b) Miss M. Noble, Head Almoner, Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London.
- (c) Miss F. E. Lillywhite, Chairman, Women Public Health Officers Association; Superintendent Health Visitor, Buckinghamshire C.C.

Section D, Veterinary Hygiene

Address by the President, James McCunn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.V.S., Professor of Veterinary Anatomy, Royal Veterinary College.

"Tuberculin Testing in Relation to the National Dairy Herd," by H. Birkett Allan, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M., Superintending Veterinary Officer, Animal Health Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

"The Abattoir Laboratory," by E. F. Lewis, M.R.C.V.S., Senior Lecturer, Department of Medicine (Clinical Pathology), Royal Veterinary College.

Section E, Food and Nutrition (in conjunction with the Food Group, Society of Chemical Industry)

Address by the President, Professor H. D. Kay, C.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., Chairman, Food Group, Society of Chemical Industry.

Discussion on "New Developments in Food Infestation Control."

- (a) "The Problems of Port and Local Authorities," by A. Makin, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Yiewsley and West Drayton U.D.C.
- (b) "Insect Infestation Control," by G. V. B. Herford, O.B.E., Director, Pest Infestation Laboratory, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.
- (c) "Rodent Infestation Control," by J. W. Evans, M.A., D.Sc., Sc.D., Chief Scientist, Infestation Control Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Section F, Housing and Town Planning

Address by the President, W. R. Brackett, O.B.E., T.D., B.Sc., F.R.I.C.S., a Vice-President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and Chairman of their Town and Country Planning Committee.

"The Development Plan for the County of Middlesex," by B. J. Collins, F.R.I.C.S., M.T.P.I., County Planning Officer, Middlesex C.C.

"The Problem of Old Houses: Reconditioning or Clearance?" by F. Collin Brown, F.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I., Chief Housing Inspector, Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Section G, Tropical Hygiene

Address by the President, Charles Wilcocks, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H., Director, Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases.

"The Rôle of the Public Health Nurse in the Tropics," by Miss F. N. Udell, O.B.E., Chief Nursing Officer, Colonial Office.

"Environmental Control in the Tropics—its Problems and its Opportunities," by John A. Logan, D.Sc., M.A.S.C.E., Division of Medicine and Public Health, Rockefeller Foundation.

"The Control of Plague in Hyderabad State, with Special Reference to the Use of DDT," by L. D. Khatri, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.R.F.P.S., D.P.H., D.T.M., Deputy Inspector-General, Medical and Health Services, Hyderabad.

Section H, Occupational Health

Address by the President, Andrew Meiklejohn, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.F.P.S., D.P.H., President, Association of Industrial Medical Officers.

Symposium on "Employment of the Ageing," by—

- (a) C. O. S. Blyth Brooke, M.B., D.P.H., Barrister-at-Law, Medical Officer of Health, Finsbury.
- (b) John G. Billington, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, The General Electric Co., Ltd.
- (c) Councillor A. G. B. Owen, O.B.E., Chairman and Joint Managing Director, Messrs. Rubery, Owen & Co., Ltd.

Conference 1, Medical Officers of Health

Address by the President, Andrew Topping, T.D., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., F.R.S.E., President, Society of Medical Officers of Health.

"Housing Conditions and Health of the People in Holland," by C. Banning, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Public Health, The Netherlands.

"Aspects of Social Medicine, Particularly Illustrated by Housing," by J. V. Walker, M.D., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Darlington.

Conference 2, Engineers and Surveyors

Address by the President, F. A. B. Preston, M.I.Mun.E., M.T.P.I., F.R.S.F., President, Institution of Municipal Engineers.

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