

Meetings of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

London Sessional Meeting, Wednesday, January 13th, 1954, at 2.30 p.m. at 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. Discussion on "SLUMS: CLEARANCE AND IMPROVEMENT," to be opened by G. S. Freeman, Sanitary Inspector (Housing), Bethnal Green.

Slough Sessional Meeting, Friday, January 22nd, 1954, at 10.00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Slough. Symposium on "INDUSTRIAL HEALTH"; (a) "Factory Law and Health," by Miss E. Schofield, H.M. Superintending Inspector of Factories, Ministry of Labour and National Service; (b) "The Slough Industrial Health Service and Area Services," by A. Austin Egger, C.B.E., T.D., M.B., Ch.B., Medical Director, Slough Industrial Health Service; (c) "The Appointed Factory Doctor—Possible Developments," by M. E. M. Herford, D.S.O., M.C., M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Appointed Factory Doctor, Windsor, Slough and Eton; (d) "The View of a Medical Officer of Health," by E. Hughes, M.D., D.P.H., D.P.A., Medical Officer of Health, Reading.

Afternoon: Visits to Slough Industrial Health Centre; Imperial Chemical Industries (Paints), Ltd.; British Technical Cork, Ltd.; and Horlicks, Ltd.

London Sessional Meeting, Thursday, February 11th, 1954, at 2.30 p.m. at 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. Discussion on "HEAT TREATMENT OF MILK WITHIN THE BOTTLE," to be opened by E. L. Crossley, B.Sc., F.R.I.C., F.L.S., Professor of Dairying, University of Reading.

Sunderland Sessional Meeting, Friday, March 5th, 1954. Papers on "MODERN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EXAMINATION OF FOOD AND DRUGS," by W. G. Carey, F.R.I.C., Public Analyst, Sunderland; "THE BACTERIOLOGICAL SIDE OF FOOD POISONING," by P. B. Crone, M.D., B.S., Dip.Bact., of the Public Health Laboratory Service, and "MODERN PLANNING OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND HOUSING ESTATES," by H. C. Bishop, A.R.I.B.A., Borough Architect, Sunderland.

Afternoon: Visits to the premises of Sir James Laing & Sons, Ltd. (shipbuilders), the Pyrex Glass Works, and Bristol Aeroplane Co., and to new schools and housing estates.

London Sessional Meeting, Wednesday, March 10th, 1954, at 2.30 p.m. at 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1. Discussion on "TUBERCULOSIS: PROBLEMS OF NOTIFICATION AND REHABILITATION," to be opened by (a) Hugh J. Trenchard, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., D.M.R.(D), Physician-in-Charge, Edgware Chest Clinic, and (b) Peter W. Edwards, M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., Medical Superintendent, Cheshire Joint Sanatorium.

Darwen Sessional Meeting, Friday, March 26th, 1954, in the Library Lecture Hall, School Street, Darwen.

Morning: Papers on "HOUSING" by E. P. McGlynn, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Darwen, and "OLD AGE" by R. C. Webster, M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Darwen.

Afternoon: Visits to Imperial Chemical Industries Plastics Division, a wallpaper manufacturing concern (engraving department), Messrs. Shaws Glazed Brick and Tile Works, a cotton mill, and a modern civic health centre.

Health Congress at Scarborough, April 27th to 30th, 1954. (Further details will be published in a separate announcement.)

Bath Sessional Meeting, Friday, June 11th, 1954, at 10.15 a.m. in the Pump Room, Bath. Papers on "PERSONAL STANDARDS OF HYGIENE," by B. A. Astley Weston, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Bath, and "CHEMICAL AGENTS AND POISONOUS METALS IN FOOD," by A. Tyler, M.B.E., Chief Sanitary Inspector, Bath.

Afternoon: Conducted tour of the Pump Room, the Roman Baths and Hot Springs Physical Treatment Centre.

Morley Sessional Meeting, Thursday, June 24th, 1954.

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Letters to the Editor.

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