

The Secretary of the National Health Society requests us to insert the following notice:—For the benefit of those County Councils and other bodies who are making arrangements for the ensuing winter's scheme for Technical Education, the Committee of the National Health Society beg to announce that they are now prepared to make special arrangements for supplying teachers on Nursing, First Aid, Hygiene, &c., on terms differing somewhat from those of former years. Owing to the success of the Society's special courses for the training of such teachers, its staff of lady lecturers has largely increased, thereby enabling the Society to supply lecturers for County Council work, &c., at varying charges to suit the requirements of the different Councils. All teachers employed by the Society are fully qualified for the work undertaken, no lady being admitted to the lecturing staff without having undergone the thorough course of training given by the Society, and passing the examination necessary before the Award of the Society's Diploma. Those counties in which the worth of the Society's lecturers has been tested in previous years can still have the benefit of the services of teachers who have worked for the Society for many years, while a large staff of newly trained teachers are ready to commence work. Elementary examinations can now be held at the conclusion of the courses of Homely Talks held in the country districts, and this new system of examinations accompanied with the award of certificates to successful candidates, has proved a considerable stimulus to the interest and enthusiasm taken in the work by the members of the rural classes. All further particulars of the work may be obtained from Miss F. Lankester, Secretary, 53, Berners Street, W.

The Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association is making an appeal for funds badly needed to carry on their noble work. During the heat of the past two months there has been more appreciation than usual of the "cup of cold water" for man and beast so bountifully supplied by this admirable Association, which is the only society providing free supplies of water in the streets of London.

The advice so commonly proffered to the drinking man is "drink water, it's cheap enough." Now it is perfectly true that water is "cheap enough," but it is by no means plentiful enough, and it is only owing to this Drinking Fountain Association that the poor children in the streets, the flower-girls, the hawkers and crossing-sweepers, and the "flotsam and jetsam" of our great city are able to quench their thirst. And it is this Association alone which offers the grateful draught to tired, hot horses and cattle. It seems such a little thing to place a drink of cold water at the disposal of the poor, and yet the Society which does this is badly in need of money.

It is very interesting to find that the total number of human beings drinking at three fountains during twenty-four consecutive hours amounted to 17,979, and it is instructive to speculate on the large percentage of these that would have been forced into the public-house, had not the fountains stood temptingly near. At three troughs during twenty-four consecutive hours 7,922 horses had a long grateful drink to refresh them on their way. The Local Option desired by the Committee of the Fountain Association is that every man, woman and child, every passing horse, cow, sheep or dog shall be able to quench his thirst. And this humane end can be attained only by contributions to this excellent Society.

Mr. Pearson, of *Pearson's Weekly*, this year is going to send away 40,000 London children and 40,000 children from the leading provincial cities, under a scheme organised by Mr. John Kirk, which reduces the cost per child to ninepence—a praiseworthy work on American lines. For in America the big towns have each their Press Fund for which all the newspapers appeal, and in which they all help, which has the sole control of all these school children's holiday excursions.

## British Medical Association.

WE learn from the *British Medical Journal* that the sixty-third Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in London on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 30th, 31st, August 1st and 2nd, 1895.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by Sir William Broadbent, Bart., M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician-in-Ordinary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by Jonathan Hutchinson, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon to the London Hospital.

An Address in Physiology will be delivered by Edward Albert Schäfer, F.R.S., Jodrell Professor of Physiology, University College.

The Scientific Business of the Meeting will be conducted in Fifteen Sections, as follows, namely:—Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynæcology, Public Medicine, Psychology, Physiology, Anatomy and Histology, Pathology and Bacteriology, Ophthalmology, Diseases of Children, Otology, Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Laryngology, Dermatology, Ethics.

### PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

*Tuesday, July 30th, 1895.*

- 9.30 a.m.—Meeting of 1894-95 Council. Council Room, Exeter Hall.
- 11.30 a.m.—Special Service at St. Paul's Cathedral. Sermon by the Most Rev. His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 2.30 p.m.—First General Meeting. Report of Council. Reports of Committees; and other business. Exeter Hall.
- 8.30 p.m.—Reception by the Metropolitan Counties Branch.
- 9 p.m.—General Meeting. President's Address.
- 9.45 p.m.—Conversazione.

*Wednesday, July 31st, 1895.*

- 9.30 a.m.—Meeting of 1895-96 Council. Council Room, Exeter Hall.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Meetings of Sections. King's College, Conjoint Examination Hall, and Exeter Small Hall.
- 3 p.m.—Second General Meeting. Exeter Hall. Address in Medicine by Sir William Broadbent, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician-in-Ordinary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Any business adjourned from First General Meeting at 2.30 previous day.
- 3.30 p.m.—Musical Promenade at Gardens of Royal Botanic Society.
- 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.—Illuminated Evening Fête at Gardens of Royal Botanic Society.

*Thursday, August 1st, 1895.*

- 9.30 a.m.—Meeting of Council. Council Room, Exeter Hall.
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Meetings of Sections. King's College, Conjoint Examination Hall, and Exeter Small Hall.
- 3 p.m.—Third General Meeting. Exeter Hall. Address in Surgery by Jonathan Hutchinson, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., Consulting Surgeon to the London Hospital. Presentation of the Stewart Prize to Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel D. Douglas Cunningham, M.B., C.I.E., F.R.S.
- 7.30 p.m.—Dinner of the Association at Queen's Hall, Langham Place.

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