

the broad path where the sisters and nurses will be drawn up and past the stands which the 3,000 invited guests will occupy.

The King has signed a warrant permitting the Leicester Infirmary to be known in future as the Leicester Royal Infirmary. There is no doubt this fine institution is well worthy of the honourable addition to its title. Sir Edward Wood, under whose chairmanship the hospital has been brought into the forefront of efficiency, and the Governors of the Royal Infirmary are to be heartily congratulated on the honour conferred upon it.

Dr. Horace Round, at the annual meeting of the Essex Archaeological Society, at Colchester, mentioned that a leech, or barber-surgeon, whose name was borne on the Pipe Roll of Essex from 1157 until his death in 1171, was the first medical practitioner registered in Essex. He received a penny a day, the amount then paid to a soldier or sailor, or blind man, or other recipient of the Royal bounty.

The Report of the Home for Inebriates Association and the twenty-eighth annual report of the Dalrymple Home at Rickmansworth show that much good work is being done. The Medical Superintendent, Mr. F. S. D. Hogg, M.R.C.S., however, emphasises the need for legislative compulsory measures in dealing with the non-criminal inebriate who chronically or periodically is in an unfit condition for decent society.

He urges further that the Government, when dealing with the law relating to inebriates, should consider the unfortunate position of the inebriate without means, and the advisability of allowing such a person a chance of a cure before he becomes a law-breaker instead of placing him under control only when he has committed crimes. At present the inebriate law-breaker may obtain treatment gratis at the cost of the country, but the law-abiding inebriate without means has no refuge.

THE SUCCESS OF SANITAS.

Presiding over the recent annual general meeting of the "Sanitas" Company, the chairman (Mr. C. T. Kingzett, F.I.C., F.C.S.) stated that the sales of their disinfectants and sanitary appliances were larger than in any previous year of the Company's existence.

Two directions in which good progress had been made were the increased use of "Sanitas Fluid" as a fob for preventing the bites of mosquitoes, gnats and other insects, and that of "Sanitas Powder" for ridding gardens of slugs.

All products manufactured by the "Sanitas" Company are tested and examined in their own chemical and bacteriological laboratories, and their efficiency is guaranteed by an expert staff under the chairman's personal direction.

A final dividend of 5 per cent., making in all 7½ per cent. for the year, was declared.

THE BIENNIAL HEALTH CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

The Biennial Health Conference and Exhibition was opened on Monday morning last by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Westminster, who was accompanied by the Mayoress. Two very charming tiny children from a crèche affiliated to the National Society of Day Nurseries presented a bouquet nearly as large as themselves, to the Mayoress and a rose to the Mayor.

Professor Kenwood, in a short introductory speech, explained the object of the Exhibition which is to promote a knowledge of public health questions, and eulogised the public spirit of the promoter and organiser, Miss R. V. Gill, and the business manager, Mr. Frank Virgo.

The Mayor, in the course of an eloquent speech, said that the present is a scientific age, and the man in the street accepts the more abstruse scientific facts with wonder, but where the simple ones are concerned he uses his "common sense," and calls the scientists faddists. It is much easier, he explained, for the doctor to persuade a man to have his appendix removed than to sleep with his window open.

The simple truths as to the bringing up of children are still not well understood, and motherhood does not bring with it scientific revelation. So far as the promotion of hygiene could be advanced, the City of Westminster was proud to be associated with the movement.

The thanks of those present were conveyed to the Mayor and Mayoress by Dr. Armit, seconded by Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., and they then proceeded to view the Exhibition.

THE EXHIBITION.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAY NURSERIES (Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. H. Jennings, 1, Sydney Street, Fulham, S.W.), of which Muriel Viscountess Helmsley is Chairman, is showing exhibits in illustration of its work, including a model of a Day Nursery, everything required for use in nurseries, a disinfectant cupboard and other exhibits of interest.

A MODEL INFANT CONSULTATION is lent by the St. Marylebone General Dispensary, 77, Welbeck Street, W., containing articles shown at the Dresden Exhibition of 1911, the most interesting being sets of scales sensitive to half a drachm, suitable for "test feed" estimations. These, by the way, are decorated with "confiscated comforters."

HORLICK'S MALTED MILK Co., of Slough, Bucks, occupy a post of vantage opposite the entrance. As usual, the popularity of this invigorating and pleasant food is in evidence. "Horlick's Novel Feeder" has several points to commend it. The glass stopper is ground in, requiring no rubber washer, and is retained in place by a spring clip.

THE NURSES' SOCIAL UNION, the headquarters of which are at Taunton, have a very practical exhibit.

The cottage hanging meat-safe, made of mosquito-netting and wire, of which plates

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