

Council or any of its committees had reasonable cause to believe that such premises were being used as a disorderly house, the Council or committee might by resolution authorise any officer to inspect such premises. It had been proposed that the Council in such cases should have the power to take proceedings as a result of any inspection under these circumstances, but the Committee was of opinion that such a power would give rise to much opposition, and the proposal had been limited to a power to inspect. Any information thus obtained would then be forwarded to the authorities which usually initiated proceedings under the Disorderly Houses Acts (the borough councils). Power was sought to enable the registration authority to make by-laws for the prevention of prostitution and immorality in connection with the carrying on of any such establishments. Penalties were provided for contravention of the Act or the by-laws, obstruction, and the publication and display of any advertisement after notice of action by the Council.

Here, also, the Committee had found the question of exemption a difficult one. As in the case of lying-in homes, it had not seen fit to exempt any institution by name, but had exempted any institution of a Government department, or any local or other authority constituted by Parliament, any premises not used for the purpose of gain or reward, and any hospital, institution or premises, or class of such, which the Council or any committee might specify from time to time. An appeal to a Secretary of State had been provided against refusal to grant exemption.

THE "PROGRESS BOOK."

"The whole measure of progress in a generation is the measure in which children improve in physical and mental quality upon their parents."—H. G. WELLS.

The "Progress Book" prepared by Dr. J. J. Pilley, and specially printed for Mellin's Food, Ltd., would be a charming gift to any mother, or mother to be, who wishes to keep an accurate record of her child's development from birth till coming of age and after.

The author, in his preface, says that "the 'Progress Book' is intended as a simple guide for registering the more interesting facts relating to early infancy, and later as a record of physical, mental and spiritual growth and development.

"The book is designed as a suitable present to those expecting to become parents, as well as to all others having the care of young children." He suggests that parents or guardians should regularly, for many years, record the particulars, until such time, in fact, as the offspring is of the age and understanding to appreciate its importance and the value of the records.

"The Register would always be of considerable interest. If carefully kept it should prove of great service to the medical adviser and invaluable

alike to parent and child." In the Preface we read that "by the introduction of a section devoted to medical history it is hoped to provide a means by which the various indispositions popularly known as 'Children's Ailments' may be permanently fixed, both in their pathological character and chronological sequence.

"Too much importance can hardly be attached to the value of a correct 'Health Sheet' of the first septennial period. Almost all of the children's disorders, which, but a few years ago, were regarded as inevitable and of only slight significance, are now known to be capable of exerting a profound influence upon the after-development of the individual.

"It is not suggested that a complete clinical history should be attempted, but that a brief and accurate record should be preserved of the more important data, which should prove of great service to the practitioner in the treatment of the adult patient."

The scope of the book includes birth record, daily weight chart for the first month, and for the first two years, birth and baptismal registers, vaccination record, early progress, development of teeth, progress at end of first year, health records, medical history, mental progress, educational progress, religious progress, recreations and amusements, holiday records, record of interesting events, annual autograph register, finger print records, and physical progress. Space is also provided for photographs, at intervals of three months in the first year and annually afterwards.

The Secretary, Mellin's Food, Ltd., Marlboro Works, Peckham, S.E., will send a copy of the "Progress Book" to those of our readers who cut out this notice, and forward it to him with ninepence in stamps. The ordinary cost of the book is, according to binding, 1s. 6d., 2s. and 3s.

THE INFANT MORTALITY CONFERENCE.

The many valuable papers read at the above Conference, held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on August 4th and 5th last, are now published in book form, and may be obtained from the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, and for the Welfare of Infancy, 4, Tavistock Square, W.C., price 3s. net. We published full reports of the Conference at the time, as it dealt with interesting and important topics. As the President of the Association, Mr. John Burns, reminded the Conference, in his presidential address, "Increasingly we must hold our place in the world. That place cannot be upheld except by the vigour of our men, the health of our women, the strength of our children, and the endurance of the race. Health is more than wealth; physical strength and moral courage must go with organized and individual culture. For this the parents must be cleanly wed and the children nobly bred, wisely fed and firmly led." We commend this report, which contains much valuable information, to attention.

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