

DENTAL CLINICS.

The model Dental Clinics for mothers and children, as approved by the School Dentists Society, and equipped by Clandius Ash & Co., Ltd., show what good work is being done in urban centres in this direction. The very interesting series of photographs of work done with a portable outfit at Temporary Treatment Centres shows how this can be extended to rural districts.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND HYGIENE.

The very interesting and practical section organised by the Training Departments of the Battersea Polytechnic in Domestic Science and Hygiene, show some excellent work done by the students. Many attractive and wholesome dishes for babies and young children are on view, and babies' clothes, with paper patterns. In one instance an attractive little suit with knickers is shown, and, on the wall, the half of a cloak, with the pattern marked in chalk, to show how such a suit can be devised out of an old garment.

THE FLY EXHIBIT.

The fly exhibit, which attracts a great deal of interest, includes a beautiful model, many times enlarged, of the common House-Fly (*Musca Domestica*) made by Miss Grace Edwards of the Natural History Museum, and lent by the Board of Trade. Leading up to the fly at maturity, one sees the eggs, then the maggot or larva, the pupa, and lastly the fly. Through a series of microscopes one can see the various distinctive sections of the fly, calculated to work havoc in food. One visitor who carefully went the round of them all was heard to say, "Well, our mothers got on very well without all this!"

Toys.

The toys made by wounded soldiers in connection with Lord Roberts' Memorial Fund, 525, Fulham Road, S.W. 6, at Stall 10, are charming examples of their work. Moreover they will make "anything and everything" to order. Very delightful were the baby dolls in all sizes "fums down," dressed in a swathe of ribbon.

THE AMERICAN SECTION.

The American stall has many delightful exhibits. Beautiful knitted woollies (jerseys, jackets, &c.) "stork" baby's pants, soft bath shoes, and picture books which have only to be seen to be coveted. Lady Henry presided most genially and delightfully at this stall on the opening day, not only in the afternoon but during the chaos of the morning arrangements.

THE MODEL DAY NURSERY.

The interesting model day nursery is under the supervision of Muriel Viscountess Helmsley.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The National Union of Trained Nurses has a stall in the Gallery, on which the exhibits, as might be expected, are most practical. Printed posters, literature of various kinds, wax models of rashes, models of pathological infants' stools, a home-made folding Perambulator, and many more.

CONFERENCE OF HEALTH WORKERS.

The Conference of Health Workers held at the Guildhall on Monday, July 2nd, and presided over by the Lord Mayor, drew a large number of persons interested in National Baby Week. The Lord Mayor in his opening speech said that the old Guildhall had been the scene of many impressive meetings, but that none was more important than that held at the present time. It would be a matter of great pride if in the future it could be said that the National Baby Week had stemmed the tide of infant mortality. He wished Godspeed to this glorious and national work.

Lord Rhondda said that it was his privilege first to deliver a message from the Queen to the assembled meeting. Her Majesty expressed her deep interest in the meeting, and said that the welfare of the children of this country lies very near her heart. It was Her Majesty's profound hope that everything possible might be done to safeguard their health and promote their happiness. Lord Rhondda expressed the hope that the nation would follow Her Majesty's excellent lead.

Investigation had shown that at least 1,000 infant lives could be saved weekly given certain conditions, but this would be only part of the result. Those who survived would be stronger, better and more efficient.

What steps should be taken?

Cleaner and healthier homes, proper care, sufficient pure milk, care of expectant mothers, more maternity centres, more skilled midwives.

They wanted the child to have the greatest virility from the start.

The Race marches forward on the tiny feet of the child, and it might be added, to their small hands are entrusted the future destinies of Empires.

The President of the Board of Education, the Rt. Hon. H. A. Fisher, said that the ground for the Meeting rested on this proposition: There are too many big babies, and too few small ones.

The problem of child life in this country revealed an appalling condition of affairs. And the blunder was perennial.

The problem could not be solved by one method only. There were a large number of convergent lines. Drunkenness, vice, bad housing, were some of them. There were two mechanical reforms he would suggest, which would materially relieve the overburdened mother and enable her to give more time to her children. A hot water supply in every poor home, and a gas cooker. When he spoke of ignorance as being a contributory cause, he did not mean it to apply to one class only, but the rich were able to command expert advice and medical and nursing help. Birth must be a very uncomfortable affair, though he could not remember his own.

The child came to a miserable, cold, alien, uncomprehending environment. How best could we minister to its helplessness? He defended the Health Visitor from charges of interfering and inquisitiveness, and said they had done great work with skill, kindness and tact.

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