

by many Departments and was in danger of being dismembered. The country was expectant to-day but it would not always be patient, even with Parliament. He had pleasure in moving the resolution.

Sir Owen Seaman, in supporting the resolution, claimed that every child at birth should have an equal chance of life.

Mrs. H. B. Irving sympathetically and eloquently pleaded for pensions for widows. The right of every baby was a mother to feed it, a father to work for and protect it. Many of Britain's babies were fatherless. The mothers should be assisted by the State.

Mr. Ben Tillett spoke on the relationship of the State towards the expectant mother; and Dr. Truby King insisted that unpreparedness for motherhood was a main handicap of modern civilization.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

On both Wednesday and Thursday interesting and instructive addresses and lectures were given.

#### THE EXHIBITION.

An extremely interesting exhibition, open from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the week, aims at the education of the infant welfare worker and presents to the public the general scope and varied aspects of the movement for the care of mothers and children.

#### MOTHERCRAFT.

In the section devoted to Mothercraft, as taught in the elementary schools, Mrs. Truelove, L.C.C. School, Tollington Park, exhibits articles used by girls attending mother-craft classes. Simple but effective is the baby's basket, costing only 8½d., i.e., a strawbery basket id., pink sateen 3d., muslin 4½d. An oval glass, originally a potted meat dish, serves as a soap dish, and other fittings are quite inexpensive.

The Battersea Polytechnic, where a thorough training is given, extending over a year, and recognised by the Local Government Board, show sets of infants' clothes made by students. A feature is a collection of soaps suitable and unsuitable for infants (mostly the latter). The test of phenolphthalein is applied, and if it is unsuited for a baby's use, the soap turns a deep pink.

#### CLEAN MILK.

The model of a modern cowbarn, made to scale at the Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops, and a second of a dirty and unventilated barn actually in existence, is an object lesson in the necessity for clean dairy farms.

#### WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF SERVICE.

By the kindness of Mrs. O'Rourke, of the Women's League of Service for Motherhood, 128, Pentonville Road, London, N. 1, we are able to reproduce their striking poster of a working-class mother and her infant. Their exhibit is a reproduction of their dining-room for mothers and children, showing equipment and menus. There was the dining-table for toddlers, whose meal is

served first, and then they are cared for in another room while the mothers sit down, free from distraction, to a well-cooked and well-served meal at a cost to themselves of 2d.

#### MIDWIVES' INSTITUTE.

The Midwives' Institute have arranged a midwife's room containing the necessary equipment for the efficient booking of patients, including various charts for ante-natal records exhibited by practising midwives; also apparatus used by teachers of midwifery when preparing pupils for the examination of the Central Midwives' Board.

#### MATERNITY HOSTEL.

The Maternity Hostel arranged by the Croydon Mothers' and Infant Welfare Association is very complete, including a well-equipped labour ward and a lying-in ward. The new jointless flooring supplied by the British Doloment Co., Ltd., is utilized with good result.

#### SYDENHAM INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.

The Sydenham Infant Welfare Centre of Adams-rill Road, S.E., has arranged (1) a ward for ailing babies, (2) other equipment. Particularly noteworthy is the fitted shelf for the soap, towels, &c., used for different babies. The soap is in its own numbered dish, and each towel and washer is numbered and kept apart.

#### ST. PANCRAS SCHOOL FOR MOTHERS.

The St. Pancras School for Mothers—the *doyenne* of such schools—has arranged an Infant Welfare Centre, showing the methods followed and the equipment required for weighing the babies, &c. On the walls are educative posters, case papers and card indexes form part of the well-ordered equipment.

Even more interesting is the second section of this exhibit, a room, eleven feet by twelve in a hostel for working mothers. The room is intended for a mother and one or two children whose husband is at the war; or for a munition worker. The floor is covered with black and white linoleum. The convenient wooden furniture made by the boys of the Technical Institute, Shoreditch, can all be easily scrubbed, spotless curtains hang at the open window, the mother's bed is covered with a bright quilt. By her side is the baby's cot, a cheerful rug is laid down in front of the fire, a clothes-horse is converted into a screen. There is a small chart for the baby, as well as the other necessary equipment including a dresser with bright coloured crockery. The baby's larder, in which the milk for his use is kept, was designed by a father. There is a hay-box for cooking, such as is now used by many frugal mothers, and a charming diminutive gas cooker supplied by the London Light & Coke Co. It is a most attractive little home.

#### EUGENICS.

An interesting exhibit is that lent by the Eugenics Education Society, 11, Lincoln's Inn Fields. A selection of striking posters are illustrative of the various aspects of syphilis.

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