

PÆDIATRICIANS AND COW & GATE MILK FOOD.

At the close of the recent International Pædiatric Congress held in London, opened by the Duke of York, a number of the delegates accepted the invitation of Messrs. Cow & Gate, Ltd., to inspect their processes and methods at their West Country factories.

The party, which numbered over 80, and included specialists in Infants' Diseases from 15 different countries was conveyed by express train specially chartered for the occasion to Wincanton, the nearest of the zone of the Company's factories in the famous pasture lands of the West.

On arrival the delegates were divided into parties and toured the works under experienced guides, aided by interpreters. Great keenness and interest was displayed throughout by the visitors, particularly as the much discussed question of safe milk supplies for children had been the subject of one of the principal papers at the Congress, and had given rise to a lengthy debate. It was generally agreed that Messrs. Cow & Gate had solved the question not only from the hygienic, but also from a nutritive point of view, and American doctors present, accustomed to a high standard of milk production in their own country, declared they had never seen such immaculate methods and precision.

The delegates were shown the astounding aggregation of mucus, pus and infective microbic matter extracted at the factories from high-grade, strained and apparently "pure milk" before the actual processing took place. Recollecting that raw milk of this description would be freely sold to the public, for infant feeding purposes, the exhibition was fittingly described by the guests as "hair raising."

Some of the special Foods prepared by the Company were also on exhibition, such as Allergilac, for the treatment of allergic conditions in infancy. This Food had been particularly referred to by Dr. Bray and other pædiatricians at the Congress in the symposium on Allergy.

At the end of the inspection the delegates sampled the crisp and creamy product which had been processed throughout to completion for their benefit and an adjournment was made for lunch to the White Horse Inn, a famous old Hostelry of hunting renown. At the luncheon the delegates were welcomed by Mr. Bramwell Gates in a short and genial speech. Dr. Greenwald (New York) replied on behalf of the visitors and referred in complimentary terms to the organisation of the Company. His remarks were seconded by Professor Gismondi, of Genoa, who expressed the warm thanks of the Italian delegates for the kindness and unremitting hospitality of their hosts.

After lunch the delegates drove by motor coach to Somerton Factory in the vicinity of Glastonbury.

Somerton was carefully inspected by the visitors, who were rapidly becoming "milk conscious," and after a short interval for snapshotting the party finally entrained for home, tea and refreshments being served on the train.

Amongst the Cow & Gate personnel accompanying the party were Mr. Bramwell Gates (Joint Managing Director), Mr. Tavroges (Chief Chemist), Colonel Biagi, M.C., and Mr. D. C. Milner (of the Italian Agency), Mr. G. E. Gillard (Export Manager) Mr. A. H. Taylor (Overseas), and others.

Viscountess Erleigh, sister of Lord Melchett, has been received into the Jewish community according to Liberal Jewish rites. She was brought up in the Church of England, but has been active in Jewish affairs, especially industrial developments in Palestine.

Viscountess Erleigh was nominated by Mr. Baldwin, the President, as a Privy Council representative on to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales in January last but so far has not taken an active part in its deliberations.

WIDE FIELD FOR THE BLIND WORKER.

Striking proof of the widening road to employment in the blind world was given at a recent gathering of blind people entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hornung, of West Grinstead Park.

The blind guests included a Doctor of Music, a choir-master, basket-makers, teachers, a tea agent, pianoforte repairers, machine knitters, a shorthand-typist, journalists, printers of embossed books, and a gardener. All the arrangements for the outing had been made by the blind local secretary of the National Institute for the Blind.

VERSES.

When Sorrow Walked with Me.

I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chatted all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me!

ROBERT HAMILTON.

WHAT TO READ.

- "War Memoirs," David Lloyd George.
- "No Second Spring," Janet Beith.
- "A Wandering Minstrel," Sir Henry Lytton.
- "Tight Corners in my Adventurous Life," Mrs. Alec Tweedie.
- "Romances of Italy," Rafael Sabatini.
- "The Ploughman's Progress," Sheila Kaye-Smith.
- "Traveller's Pack," Elinor Mordaunt.

A WORD FOR THE MONTH.

I wish to preach, not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of the strenuous life, the life of toil and effort, of labour and strife; to preach that highest form of success which comes, not to the man who desires mere easy peace, but to the man who does not shrink from danger, from hardships, or from bitter toil, and who out of these wins the splendid ultimate triumph.—Roosevelt.

COMING EVENTS.

September 20th.—Opening, by the Viscountess Knollys, of the Mount Vernon Hospital Fête and Fair in the grounds of the hospital. All former members of the Nursing Staff will be cordially welcome. The Matron will be grateful to receive any gifts in kind for the Nurses' Stall. 2.30 p.m.

September 23rd.—British College of Nurses. Council Meeting, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.15 p.m.

September 29th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. 2.30 p.m.

September 29th.—Talk on "Science and Poetry," by Professor D. F. Fraser-Harris, M.D., F.R.S.E. Chairman, John Johnson, Esq., M.A., Hon. D.Litt., Printer to the University of Oxford. Princess Elizabeth of York Children's Hospital, Shadwell, E.1. Visitors cordially welcomed. 8.45 p.m.

October 9th-13th.—National Council of Women of Great Britain. Annual Meeting and Conference. Town Hall, Torquay.

October 12th.—Fulham Hospital, St. Dunstan's Road, W.6. Distribution of Prizes to the Nurses, at 3 p.m., by Ernest M. Dence, Esq., LL.D., J.P., Chairman of the London County Council.

October 18th.—National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Meeting Executive Committee, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 4.15 p.m. Tea, 4 p.m.

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