

Third Child Welfare Exhibit.

With the purpose of presenting the case of "The Child vs. Disease and Crime" so graphically that it cannot be misunderstood, the third child welfare exhibit held in the United States was held from Nov. 4th to 9th inclusive, in St. Louis.

Special attention was given to the welfare of children in the congested districts of large cities. Ventilation, sanitation, pure food and public playgrounds were among the subjects considered.

Leading dentists of the city gave mothers practical lessons in the care of their children's teeth and oculists showed how children's eyes should be cared for.

St. Louis Health and Sanitary Exposition.

The St. Louis Health and Sanitary Exposition, held at the Coliseum Nov. 16-23, exhibited ways of promoting public health. Side by side with the unsanitary housing conditions in the slum district, as prepared by the Civic League, was shown the improved tenement, not in any sense Utopian, but practical in every sense and making full provision for light, air and cleanliness. That slums are not a necessary evil of city life is being agitated by health authorities everywhere, and if improvement is slow, it is in a measure due to the slum dwellers, who, like Ardelia, are bored by too much sanitation and prefer a "horribly smelly street."

A playground was shown, as nearly related to those conducted in the open parks as indoor conditions will allow. There were sand piles for the slide, and every afternoon while the show was in progress, children from different sections of the city, in charge of instructors, played their games. The playground formed part of the Park Department exhibit. On Saturday night of the show, there were special drills by classes made up of girls from the gymnasium classes of the Y.W.C.A.

The New York Budget Exhibit.

The Budget Exhibit is an annual object-lesson to the taxpayers of New York City, showing them how the local taxes are expended. The departments of health and charity naturally occupy considerable space and attract much attention from the

15,000 daily visitors. An interesting exhibit this year is a model milk station for children, in which is a huge map of Manhattan borough, showing every infant death of the past year marked with a black dot. Moving pictures display various sections of the over-crowded East Side.

Minnesota State Sanitary Conference.

The welfare of school children, tuberculosis as a state problem, infant mortality, the future of official public health organization and insanity are the five chief topics that received the attention of the health officers, school teachers and physicians of Minnesota at the annual meeting of the *Minnesota State Sanitary Conference* at the Saint Paul last month.

"The Commercial Value of Good Health and the Indirect Cost of Unhygienic and Unsanitary Surroundings," was the subject of an excellent address, delivered by H. A. Tomlinson, M.D., superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane at St. Peter, and president of the Association. Dr. H. M. Bracken, secretary of the State Board of Health, spoke on "The Status of County Public Health Supervision Throughout the United States."

Other addresses were: "Report of Committee on the Relations of Public Health and Insanity," by A. S. Mamilton, M.D., instructor in nervous and mental diseases, University of Minnesota; "The Duty of the State in the Suppression of Tuberculosis," Dr. W. J. Marley, of the State Tuberculosis Commission, late superintendent of the Walker State Sanatorium; "Infant Mortality," J. T. Gerould, vice-president of the Association; "Hygienic Essentials in School Construction," Prof. F. H. Bass, director of the division of engineering, State Board of Health; "Public Health Supervision in Minnesota," Dr. J. W. Robertson, president of the State Medical Society, Litchfield; "Dusty Streets and Tuberculosis," Dr. H. W. Hill, director of the division of epidemiology, State Board of Health.

As a feature of the meeting the State Board of Health presented as exhibits the work of the tuberculosis exhibit, the work of the laboratory, engineering, epidemiological and vital statistics, divisions and the work of the lecture bureau.