

the Public Health," Dr. H. E. Stearns, Arlington; "The Moral Phase of the Social Evil," Rev. Herbert M. Gesner, Atlantic City; "Schools Health," C. N. Kendall, Trenton.

A U. S. Army Venereal Prophylactic Package.

Experiences with various prophylactic unguents in the U. S. army has done much to diminish venereal disease among the enlisted men. Col. L. Mervin Maus, U.S.A. Chief Surgeon Department of the Lakes, suggested a small tin collapsible tube containing a paste made of phenol 3 per cent., calomel 25 per cent. and lanolin 72 per

cent. He has found this simple method absolutely a preventive for all three of the venereal diseases—gonorrhoea, chancroids and syphilis—if properly used within a half hour after contact.

The method of use is as follows: One-third of the paste is squeezed into the urethra, the remaining two-thirds applied externally. Washing the genitalia is not necessary, if the tube is properly used. Colonel Maus has practiced this method for one year among the troops of the Department of the Lakes, and has failed to observe any infection following the proper use of the tube.

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ADVANCE NOTICES.

Pure Food and Health Society Congress of Great Britain, London, England, March, 1912. Particulars later.

Congress of the Universities of the Empire, London, England, July 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1912. Fifty-one universities have arranged to send representatives; and among the questions proposed to be discussed by them are the following: University Organization; Universities in Their Relation to Teachers and Undergraduate Students; Universities in Their Relation to Post-Graduate Research Work; Universities in Their Relation to Schools and to Agencies for Higher Education. Other subjects for discussion will probably be: Whether any Common Understanding Will be Possible Among the Universities of the Empire as to the Extent to Which They Could Recognize Each Others' Entrance Examinations; The Desirability of Increased Facilities for Post-Graduate Study; The Possibility of Some Plan of Interchange of Professors; What Could be Done by Universities in Regard to After Careers of Students, and the whole question of the Financial Support Given from Public Sources to Universities. Inquiries with regard to the Congress should be addressed to Dr. R. D. Roberts, at the Congress Office, University of London, South Kensington, London, England.

Royal Institute of Public Health.—The Council of the Royal Institute of Public Health have accepted an invitation from the Chief Burgomaster of Berlin to hold their 1912 Congress in that city, from Thursday, July 25, to Sunday, July 28, inclusive. A Local General Arrangements Committee has been formed consisting of representatives of the Royal Ministry of the Interior, the Imperial Board of Health, the City of Berlin, the medical officers of the Headquarters Staffs of the Army and Navy, the University of Berlin, the medical and hygienic societies of Berlin, and other societies, to promote the success of the meeting. The Congress will be under the presidency of Lord Beauchamp, his Majesty's First Commissioner of Works, and will be conducted in the following sections: State Medicine, President, Sir T. Clifford Allbutt, Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Cambridge; Bacteriology and Comparative Pathology, President, Professor G. Sims Woodhead, Professor of Pathology in the University of Cambridge; Child Study and School Hygiene, President, Sir James Crichton-Browne, Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy; Military, Colonial, and Naval, President, Major Sir Ronald Ross, Professor of Tropical Medicine in the University of Liverpool; Municipal Engineering, Architecture, and Town Planning, President, Mr. P. C. Cowan, Chief Engineer of the Local Government Board, Ireland. Facilities will be afforded for visits to be made to the various public health and educational institutions in Berlin and other places.

Imperial Conference of Teachers' Association, London, England, July 12-16, 1912.

Royal Sanitary Institute, Congress and Exhibition, York, England, July 29th to August 3rd, 1912. President Most Rev. His Grace the Lord Archbishop of York; E. White Wallis, Secretary, 90 Buckingham Palace Road, London, England.

Harveian Oration on Tuberculosis.

Dr. C. Theodore Williams delivered the Harveian Oration in commemoration of William Harvey, recently, before the Royal College of Physicians, London, England.

After referring to the researches of Harvey and to the results that have followed from the discoveries he made, Dr. Williams gave an account of the knowledge of tuberculosis that existed in Harvey's day, and