

systems of co-operation in the relief of distress.

"It has established hospitals in some of the smaller towns of the Dominion.

"It originated the Victorian Order of Nurses, and has taken a leading part in its establishment.

"It has spread sanitary knowledge, especially by means of Health Talks for mothers, given by physicians in Montreal. Halifax has also done good work in this department. It has also worked for medical inspection in the schools.

"It has held an inquiry all over the country into the circulation of impure literature, and has been able to do something to lessen it already, as well as to warn parents and teachers as to the very great danger that exists in this direction.

"It is also working to supply the youth of the country with good sound books.

"It conducted an inquiry in all the provinces into the laws for the protection of women and children, and laid certain recommendations before the Minister of Justice which he adopted when bringing in amendments to the criminal law.

"Through one of its affiliated societies it is endeavoring to plan for the better care and wiser distribution of women immigrants than has hitherto been possible.

"It is pledged to co-operate with the medical authorities in urging measures to be taken to check the ever-increasing ravages of consumptive diseases in this country.

"It is striving with success, notably in Montreal, Halifax and St. John, for the establishment of vacation schools and supervised playgrounds."

The corresponding secretary of the National Council of Women is Miss Riddell, of Toronto.

Eleventh Annual Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

W. D. Lighthall, Hon. Sec.-Treas., U. C. M., writes an official circular to all the municipalities of Canada as follows:

"The President and Executive of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, beg to call your attention to the occasion of the Eleventh Annual Convention, which will be held at the City Hall, Quebec, by invitation of His Worship Mayor Drouin, and the Council of the city of Quebec, on the

29th, 30 and 31st of August next.

"You, Mr. Mayor, and as many delegates as your Council desire to send, are cordially invited to attend, and to take part in the proceedings, or present any matter bearing on the welfare of municipalities.

"This is the first time the Union has been convened in the historic and beautiful cradle city of Canada, where a most cordial welcome will be extended to our delegates, and their ladies. Among other topics will be the live questions of: Town Planning and Embellishment; Special Functions of a Provincial Capital; Conservation of Water and Water Powers; Country Roads; Railway Terminals and Crossings; Street Railway Freight Carriers; Pure Food in Cities; Fire Protection.

"Please forward to me, as soon as possible, the names of intending delegates from your Council.

"There are several excellent hotels in Quebec, and you can be assured of good accommodation at reasonable prices. The Chateau Frontenac will be the headquarters of the Executive of the Union.

"A copy of the official programme will be mailed to you about August 1st.

Child Welfare Exhibition.

The death rate among infants and young children has been one of the crying disgraces of civilization. Herod's slaughter of the innocents, the story of which has served to horrify the world for twenty centuries, merely hastened the death of many of these babies, as probably the greater part of those whom his ruthless order condemned would have died within a few years from infantile ailments and zymotic diseases. Through the middle ages and up to the present day, the death rate of infants has had an unknown, but undoubtedly an enormous influence in keeping down the average, while the infant mortality among savages and barbarous nations is too dreadful to contemplate. It has remained for the present generation to realize that "race suicide" as a national peril is not to be compared to "child murder" by removable social and economic causes.

One of the most important problems confronting us is that of child conservation. A movement for the salvation of the child