

which may be acquired by Governments for their official institutes.

The commission had one difficulty to solve. It possesses no funds, and yet felt itself obliged to compensate Mme. Curie for the 22 milligrams of radium chloride which the standard required. As a milligram is worth \$120, this represented a sum of \$2,640. The sum necessary was at once offered by Dr. and Mrs. Beilby as a personal tribute to Mme. Curie and her work.

Rome Bread Served in Paper.

The municipal authorities at Rome, Italy, have decreed that no bread or rolls shall be served in restaurants until wrapped in paper with the seal of the bakery attached. The cafes have accepted the order.

The Mother and the State.

Doctor of Philosophy Helen Stoecker is bringing within reach the Shavian ideal that every mother shall be acclaimed a patriotic heroine, and endowed and cared for by a grateful nation. Through the "Bund fuer Mutterschutz," which she founded, and to-day presides over, Helen Stoecker has placed Germany first among the nations in the care of babes and sucklings; and to-day she is preparing to fight fresh battles in the hope that the thirteenth German Reichstag will embody in practical legislation the saying that the hand which rocks the cradle rules the world. The "Bund fuer Mutterschutz," or "Union for Mother-Protection," has about 4,000 members, counting among them the best men in Germany; it is influencing legislation; it is saving annually many thousands of children from miserable deaths; and it is carrying on a strong propaganda for a new marriage law, in which the interests of children shall take precedence of tradition and formal restrictions.

Advance Notices, Alphabetical.

British Medical Association, Liverpool, England, July 14th to 23rd, 1912.

Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, London, England, June 12th, 13th and 14th.

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: Uni-

versity 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 Other's 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.

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

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 25th, to Sunday, July 28th, inclusive. A Local General Arrangement 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, Sir Donald 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 Boston and other places.

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 Rd., London, England.

The Royal Sanitary Institute, Henry Saxon Snell Prize.—This prize, consisting of 50 guineas and the silver medal of the Royal Sanitary Institute is offered, 1912, for an essay on "Suggestions for Improvements in the Ventilating, Lighting, Heating and Water Supply Appliances for an Operating Room and Its Accessory Rooms of 400 Beds" (No Students). For conditions of the competition applications should be made to the Secretary of the Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90 Buckingham Road, London, S. W., England.