

as to health conditions; that chemical and other departments be created and attached to the Health Department, that fines and penalties on all who disobey the health laws be made more severe; that refrigerator cars be used by railways for the conveyance of milk; that new incinerators be constructed; that all the quarries be emptied of water and filled with earth; that steps be taken to establish tuberculosis hospitals in different parts of the city; that vaccination be made absolutely compulsory; that all night refuges must be licensed and be under the control of the city.

A Story of Sir James Grant.

Sir James Grant, when in Montreal, attending the recent Congress of the Canadian Public Health Association, met for the first time the sister of a little tot whose life he probably saved in the year 1864, and whom he has never met since, and did not even know her name until the meeting.

Miss Ellen Babbitt, special representative of the Russell Sage Foundation of New York read a paper at the meeting on the reduction of infantile mortality in Great Britain, which will appear in *The Public Health Journal*, and it was while congratulating the lady on the able manner in which she presented the facts that the venerable physician discovered the identity of the babe of '64. In telling the story, Sir James said:

"In 1864 I was travelling to Washington to make a report to the Government on the crowded ill-ventilated and ill-regulated hospitals of the American civil war. It was a night trip and I was awakened by the cries of an infant which undoubtedly had a severe attack of croup. I called the porter, advised him to see the mother and tell her of the danger and ask her if she would like my assistance. When told that I was a physician the mother at once sent for me and fortunately I had the very remedy for croup in my valise. I heard no more from the child or mother during the night, and I naturally came to the conclusion that my prescription had had a good effect. Where the mother and child got off I did not know, and I often wondered who they were and if the little one finally became well. In congratulating Miss Babbitt I happened to speak of my

adventure of half a century ago, and she in turn remarked that just such a thing happened to her sister when she was an infant. Gradually the thing came out, here was the very sister of the baby I helped. Miss Babbitt told me that her sister had a quick recovery and is to-day enjoying the best of health. So much for medicine and an early application. I was indeed pleased and some day I hope to see the 'baby' again.

Quebec and the Act Concerning Juvenile Delinquents.

Joseph Dumont, Deputy Provincial Secretary of Quebec, has announced that on Dec. 14th last, the Act 1 Geo. V. (1910), ch. 26, entitled: "An Act respecting Juvenile Delinquents," sanctioned on the 4th day of June in the year 1910, went into force from the twenty-sixth day of December last. The Act concerns:

1. The establishment and maintenance of the Juvenile Delinquents' Court; 2. The establishment and maintenance of one or more houses of detention or refuge where children as defined by the Act of the Parliament of Canada, 7-8 Edward VII., chapter 40, may be detained while waiting trial under the provisions of the said Act.

Halifax Amendments to City Health By-laws.

By-law No. 3 of the By-laws of the Halifax City Health Board was last month amended by adding thereto the words following, as reported by John A. Watters, Secretary:

2A. (1) "Every building any part of which is used as a shop for the sale of goods shall have a water closet, for the use of the persons employed in or about such shop, to which they shall have free access at all times when so employed."

(2). "If such building does not front on a street in which a public sewer is built, a privy or other sanitary convenience, in the building or on the premises connected therewith, approved by the Board, may be substituted for such water closet, but any such privy or other convenience shall be removed and a water closet substituted when a sewer is built in the street on which such building fronts."