

and those otherwise associated in medical journalistic work are invited to attend.

Milan Sanitary Engineering Exhibition, Milan, Italy, April to July, 1912, under patronage of the Royal Italian Society of Hygiene. To encourage and reward every progressive effort in the field of practical hygiene as applied to civil engineering and architecture.

Prison Congress. Quinquennial, London, Eng., 1915. Secretary, F. Simon Van der Aa, Groningen, Holland.

Relief, Committee on Public and Private, Lon-

don, Eng., 1915. Secretary, Charles S. Loch, Charity Organization Society, London, Eng.

School Hygiene Congress, Fourth International, Buffalo, N.Y., August 25-30, 1913. General Secretary, Dr. Thomas A. Storey, Convent Avenue and 139th St., New York.

Unemployment, International Association for Fight Against. Ghent, Belgium, 1913. American corresponding officer, John B. Andrews, 1 Madison Avenue, New York.

Women's Clubs, General Federation of. San Francisco, Cal., June 25 to July 8. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Shiek, Wheatland, Wyo.

UNITED STATES

Smallpox and False Hair.

Warning has been sent out to the women of Colorado by the State Board of Health that they incur danger of infection from smallpox when they purchase and use the various forms of false hair that have been popular in recent years.

The Board has been engaged for some time on an investigation of the reasons for the large number of smallpox cases in the state. There were only 433 in 1908, but in 1910 they had jumped to 1,096 and in 1911 to 1,394. This increase was in the face of elaborate measures to guard the state from infection, and strict quarantine whenever a case was discovered. A surprising thing was that a large proportion of the cases were found among well-to-do persons, instead of among those whose surroundings might be assumed to subject them to danger.

In the course of its activities the Board had its attention directed to the traffic in false hair and looked up the matter. It learned that a large proportion of this commodity comes from the Chinese, and is gathered from such classes as are exposed constantly to smallpox and other diseases. Some germs have been found in hair that has been purchased and subjected to microscopical examination, and it is said that many of the recent cases of the disease might have come from such a source.

Texas to Make Serums.

Work was commenced last month by the Texas Department of Health in the construction of the State Laboratory for the manufacture of anti-toxins and serums. It is the opinion of State Health

Officer Steiner that when these preventatives are manufactured and supplied to the people at cost it will be a long step to prevent epidemics in Texas and also conserve the health of the people.

The Press as Health Medium.

At a meeting of Indiana health officials in Indianapolis, May 14 and 15, County Health Commissioner C. W. Fry emphasized the utility of the press in educating the public in the necessity of maintaining sanitary conditions. "By all means get acquainted and enlist the newspapers in behalf of public health questions," he said. "When a hungry news reporter calls you should have some live topic to give him, for without help of the public press comparatively little good can be accomplished. It is by education through the public press that we can promulgate health measures that would take tons of circular literature and much time to accomplish the same ends for good."

Inspectors to Wear Uniform.

After June 1, all inspectors of the St. Paul Health Department will appear in full uniform when on duty. The uniform is of navy blue, and the insignia of office consists of brass buttons and braid.

Violators of Pure Food Laws.

The United States District Attorney at Cleveland, O., recently ordered the arrest of 25 local manufacturers for alleged violation of the national pure food law. The crusade also extended within the Federal