

Bloor St. East, Secretaries, Committee for Local Arrangements.

*Child Welfare Exhibition*, Montreal, October, 1912. The objects are: I. To present evidence of all the various activities—educational, religious, charitable, philanthropic, and medical making for the improvement of conditions of child life, so that their existence and special work may be advertised, their inter-relationship may be recognized and the public be further stimulated to support and advance their endeavors; II. To show the deficiencies in public and private organizations and to suggest remedies for the same, drawn from the experience of other communities, in this way supplementing and extending the work already being accomplished; III. To correlate the endeavors of many existing associations, developing thereby a body of concerted opinion sufficiently strong and influential to bring about the needed improvements in the surroundings and upbringing of the city child. It is proposed that the Exhibition shall have the following departments: 1. The Health of the Child; 2. The Home of the Child; 3. The Education of the Child; 4. The Moral and Religious Life of the Child; 5. The Recreation of the Child; 6. City Environment and the Child; 7. The Law and the Child; 8. The Social Life of the Child; 9. The Care of the Abnormal Child; 10. Philanthropy and the Child. The Executive Secretaries are: W. H. Atherton, Ph.D., 62 Beaver

Hall Hill; Tel., Up 1380; and Rev. J. O. Maurice, L.L.L., 35 Ontario, East; Tel., East 925.

*Saskatchewan Medical Association*, Moose Jaw, September 3rd, 4th and 5th., President S. W. Radcliffe, M.D.; Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur Wilson, M.D.

*Union of Canadian Municipalities*, Windsor, Ont., City Hall, twelfth annual convention, August 27th, 28th and 29th. W. D. Lighthall, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer. Some of the subjects which will receive special attention at the Convention are: The Price of Cement; Distribution of the Cost of Subways and other Railway Crossings; Water Powers in General and Georgian Bay Canal Water Powers; Uniform Municipal Statistics; Electric Franchises; Health and Mortality; Sewer System; Filtration of Drinking Water; Commission Government.

*Western Canada Irrigation Association*. Sixth annual convention Kelowna, Okanagan Valley, B.C., August 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1912. Secretary, Norman S. Rankin, P.O. Box 1317, Calgary.

*Forestry Association, Canadian*. Convention will be held in Victoria, B.C., Sept. 4th-6th. Secretary, James Lawler, Canadian Building, Ottawa.

*Royal Architectural Institute of Canada*. Annual Assembly will be held at Ottawa, in the Public Library, on 7th October, 1912. Hon. Secretary, Alcide Chausse, 5 Beaver Hall Square, Montreal, Que.

## INTERNATIONAL

### First International Eugenics Congress.

The business sessions of the First International Eugenics Congress opened on the 25th of last month in London, England, with a speech by the president, Major Leonard Darwin, the fourth son of the late Charles Darwin. Four hundred delegates from twelve countries and a thousand students filled the hall.

The paper by Dr. Raymond Pearl, of the Maine experiment station on "The Inheritance of Fecundity," and that by Dr. D. F. Weeks, of the New Jersey State College, on "The Inheritance of Epilepsy," provoked lively discussion. Professor Giuffrida Ruggeri, of the University of Naples, in the course of an address afterwards, declared that thanks to recent researches in the United States it is now certain that the races of man act in exactly the same way as the races of animals. The report of the Eugenics section of the American Breeders' Association embodied in a lecture delivered by Bleecker Van Wagenen on the 26th was a feature of the Congress.

The Congress was formally opened at a banquet and reception at which speeches

were made by Arthur J. Balfour, the Lord Mayor, and Major Darwin. Mr. Balfour said that the study of eugenics was one of the most pressing necessities of the age. He based his belief in the future progress of mankind on the application of scientific methods to practical life.

Dr. C. B. Davenport, trustee of the Eugenics Record Office, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., read a paper on "Marriage and Eugenics." This consists of a study and report as to the best practicable means of cutting off the defective germ plasm in the human population. Dr. G. Smith, of the University of Minnesota, read a paper on "Eugenics and the New Social Consciousness." All of the papers were followed by brief discussions.

During the progress of the Congress an exhibition consisting of charts, pedigrees, photographs and specimens, illustrated heredity, especially in man. Relics of Charles Darwin, Sir Francis Galton, Gregor Mendel, and portraits of notable workers were shown.

The hope was expressed that this Congress would result in the establishment of a small international permanent body as