

## INTERNATIONAL

### International Sanitary Meet Set for November.

The Fifth International Sanitary Conference of American countries will be held at Santiago, Chili, November, 1912. The meeting will be under the auspices of the Chilean Government, with Dr. Alexander de Rio as president. Representatives from every American government are expected to attend, when subjects of interest to every nation, including sanitary legislation, social hygiene and the hygiene of sea, tramway and railroad traffic will be discussed.

### The International Association of Medical Museums and Congress of Medicine.

At a meeting held recently in the theatre of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for the purpose of extending the membership in the International Association of Medical Museums, Sir Jonathan Hutchinson occupied the chair, and a representative gathering was present.

Sir William Osler, who convened the meeting, stated that the business of the meeting was to receive information from the secretary, and to arrange for a meeting of the Association to be held in London in conjunction with the International Congress of Medicine in 1913.

The Secretary (Dr. Maude Abbott, of Montreal) informed the meeting of the success which had attended the efforts of

the Association since its formation in 1906 at Washington, D.C., and stated that its object is the development of a department for the exchange of museum specimens and material for research, the elevation of the medical museum as a teaching medium, and the improvement of methods of museum technique by the discussion of methods. The membership had rapidly increased and included representatives in Africa, Australia and South America, as well as in the principal countries of Europe and North America. The latest step had been the organization of local European centres under the control of corresponding members in France, Germany, Holland and Belgium, and it was desirable, said the secretary, that this step should also be taken in England, in view of the proposed meeting in 1913.

The meeting appointed Dr. Thursfield and Dr. Woodwork, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Dr. Kettle, of the Cancer Research Hospital, as correspondents in London and to act as local secretaries. Resolutions were passed arranging (a) that a meeting of the Association be held in London in conjunction with the International Congress of Medicine in 1913, and (b) that the three English Medical Societies — the Pathological Society, the Anatomical Society, and the Royal Society of Medicine — should be made cognizant of the actions of the International Association of Medical Museums.

## UNITED STATES

### Misbranding in the United States.

"Misbranding" is the new word in United States food inspection, made necessary as a result of the present day practices of selling in packages. There are various forms of misbranding under the terms of pure food and drug laws. There are two classes of food violators, including those that are frankly dishonest, and those that mean well but are "up against" prevailing "trade practices." Many of these "trade

practices" have been abolished as a result of the food laws. The false and misleading clause as applied to misbranding is more of a stumbling block than any other one thing.

In enforcing the law on misbranding it is necessary to analyze and apply knowledge of principles of nutrition. The terms concentrated and predigested are generally falsely applied, and false claims are made in this connection. False claims have been investigated by government chemists of