

# MANY MEN OF SCIENCE

## International Congress On Hygiene and Demography --2500 Delegates Present

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—The fifteenth international congress on hygiene and demography opened the first of its five-day sessions here this morning.

Twenty-five hundred delegates, among them some of the most noted scientists in Europe and the United States, were present when the convention was called to order by President Henry F. Walcott of Boston.

The delegates were formally welcomed by President Taft, who also has been made honorary president of the association. Mr. Taft's speech was short. He complimented the members of the congress on the past work of their organization, and expressed gratification over the large and notable foreign representation that responded to the invitation to hold the meeting here.

The president has arranged to further entertain the delegates at a garden party on the White House grounds this afternoon.

Dr. Rupert Blue, head of the public health service, was another notable figure at the first day's session. Dr. Blue called attention to the fact that this was the first time the organization had met in the United States during its sixty years of service, and prophesied that medical discoveries of paramount importance to the scientific world would come to light during the meeting.

Others of international repute among the delegates were: Sir Thomas Oliver of the University Durham College of Medicine, Newcastle, England; Dr. Jacques Bertillon, chief of the Bureau of municipal statistics, Paris, France; Dr. Frederic Zahn, director of the Bavarian statistical office, and Dr. Max Rubneum of Konigle Friedrich Wilhelms Universitat, Berlin, Germany.

The program has been divided into four plenary sessions, each of which will be under the guidance of these four men. The balance of the program has been divided into nine sections, which will be addressed by the different delegates, among which are representatives from every state in the Union.

Much interest was evinced in the extensive exhibits that have been arranged to supplement the oral sessions. Among these were an exhibit by the public health department, showing American methods of city sanitation; a physical picture of army and navy hygiene, including a completely equipped operating room aboard a war vessel; an exhibit on school sanitation; another on the care of insane, and still others depicting the elimination of ty-

phoid by hygienic methods, and improvements of the condition of the blind.

Among the addresses delivered at the first day's session were "Public Health Organization by Countries," by Dr. George Reid of Stafford, England; "Hygiene of Infancy and Childhood," by Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf, New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital; "The Etiology of Measles," by Drs. Jos. Goldberger and John F. Anderson of the United States public health service, Washington, and "A Plan for Teaching School Hygiene," by Dr. Ira S. Wild of New York.

The addresses by Drs. Knopf and Wild were delivered in that section of the congress devoted to "Hygiene of Infancy and Childhood and School Hygiene." Speaking under this subject, Dr. Knopf called attention to the fact that at least 3 per cent of all the children of school age in the United States are tuberculous. This, he said, involved a yearly loss of \$75,000,000, figuring the most of maintaining these children to the community and to their parents at \$250 per annum, and figuring the average life of the 50,000 children who die annually from tuberculosis at seven and a half years. This waste, he said, could be eliminated if the child were taken care of at the right time.

Dr. Knopf also declared that in his opinion a large percentage of the diseases prevalent among children of school age was due to decayed teeth.

"Let us have free dental clinics," said Dr. Knopf, "let each child be carefully and practically re-examined for every possible physical and mental deficiency; let no child pass through life with a pathological or esthetic defect which can be prevented by timely treatment and care. The result of such provision will be better health and happier citizens."

Dr. Wild, in his paper, "A Plan for Teaching School Hygiene," outlined a comprehensive system for instructing children in the essentials of sanitation and health. His plan involved the inculcation of the diminating rules of life as they apply to the individual, and then the preservation of these individual rules to the life of the family.

"It is reasonable to presume," said Dr. Wild, "that the child mind will grasp the relation of personal hygiene to the health of the family, and that this will form a stepping stone for intelligent conception of its relation to the life hygiene of a group of families, such as would constitute a neighborhood."

Dr. Wild emphasized the necessity of beginning the hygienic instruction of the child in the elementary grades and of carrying it forward with the years of the child's school life.

Drs. Joseph Goldberger and John F. Anderson announced that they had discovered that the common children's disease known as measles is contracted not by the scaling off of particles of the patient's skin, but by the sneezing of the patient during the earlier stages of the malady. They found that it was also possible for a child to catch the disease through drinking from a glass used by one infected.

Dr. Reid, in his symposium of



### MEETING AT EDENTON ST.

#### Rev. H. A. Humble of Laurinburg Begins Revival Services In the City

The revival meeting at Edenton Street Methodist church began yesterday with two splendid sermons by Rev. Hilliary A. Humble, pastor of the Methodist church at Laurinburg, who has come to hold the meeting for the pastor, Rev. H. M. North. Mr. Humble is full of zeal and love for the work of saving souls, which shows itself in the sermons he preaches. He has a pleasing personality and a strong, cordial man-

ner that makes him liked at once. After hearing him yesterday the people at Edenton Street were glad that he had been selected to hold their meeting and they are expecting great things from the coming services.

For his first sermon at the 11 o'clock hour Mr. Humble chose the text, 2nd Cor., 13:5. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." It was the message to bring to the people at the beginning of such a meeting, a strong plea to each one to examine their hearts and lives to see if they were Christians, to see if they were in the faith. Mr. Humble used a striking illustration, drawing a picture of a garret or an attic room, where things we know not of have collected through the years. Hidden among the dust and cobwebs are a few dear treasures, reminders of other days, but there is much that is useless. The trash and rubbish needs to be cleaned out but the light that comes through the dust-grimed window is so dim that we have to bring a light to see to clean out the dark corners. So Mr. Humble urged his hearers to bring the light of the Holy Spirit to shine into their lives to show up the sins and wickedness that have so long been allowed to remain.

At the evening hour the message was from Judges, 7:7. "And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand; and let all the other people go every man unto his place." Mr. Humble likened the coming series of meetings to the fight of Gideon, who from the 32,000 men who said, "It ought to be done," and the 10,000 who said, "It can be done," found 300 who were ready with faith and enthusiasm to undertake the task. There is always a great number who are ready to say "it ought to be done," and even a great part of these who say "it can be done." The test comes when those are called for who have faith in God and enthusiasm for the cause to go forth to win the fight. Mr. Humble placed high value on the work of the young people who have the zeal and enthusiasm which counts for so much in such a cause. The services will be held each afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Sunday school room, and at 8 o'clock in the evening in the church. The public is invited to all the meetings.

#### TESTIFY IN HOLLY MURDER HEARING

Capt. W. A. Scott, a deputy in the insurance department, has gone to Burgaw, Pender county, where he will testify in the trial of J. C. Holly, the Wilmington man who was twice tried and once convicted in New Hanover county of the murder of his ward, Edward Cromwell, in August, 1910, to collect the life insurance. The jury was completed late Saturday and the taking of testimony began today. Captain Scott assisted in working up the case against Holly.

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