

with reference to drain intercepting traps:—  
 "That drain air is more offensive and dangerous than sewer gas, is altogether at variance with the experience of the sanitary inspector. If those responsible for making it would enter a drain trench in Belgravia, or, indeed, any town of importance, when the intercepting trap has been removed, I will undertake to say his opinion will change if he has the sense of smell."

THE MEDICAL INSPECTION OF GIRLS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS. Catherine Chisholm, M.D., Longmans, Green & Co., 8vo. pp. xii. and 208.

The author explains that this little work has been written to explain to headmistresses, members of managing committees and others the aims and methods of medical inspection; it admirably fulfils her desire. In a chatty way all the more important points in relation to the personal health of the scholars and the possible influences of various items in the curriculum are dealt with, yet clearness of description has not been sacrificed. Besides descriptions of the usual examinations and of common defects, special attention is paid to points which are of special interest to medical officers working in secondary schools, while being rarely met with among pupils in elementary schools. Such, for example, are over-pressure and fatigue, the importance of taking school dinners at midday rather than of bringing sandwiches from home, questions of remedial and ordinary gymnastics with apparatus work, and the problems of adolescence. One most important point concerns the physiological enlargement of the thyroid gland, which may be accompanied by rapid pulse and tremors at the time of any given examination and yet has to be distinguished from early exophthalmic goitre, which has an entirely different prognosis.

SCHOOL FEEDING. LOUISE STEVENS BRYANT, J.B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia and London.

This is a most complete summary of all the facts which can be collected with regard to the past and present practice in different countries. The first record of school meals is in Munich in 1790, later they were adopted in France, and having been introduced into Guernsey by Victor Hugo came to the notice of Londoners and finally received legal sanction. They are now in more or less general use in all European countries. The information given as to conditions, menus, and results of feeding will prove useful, while tables from various sources indicating the range of normal physique will aid those who have to assess conditions of malnutrition. With all the data at her disposal it is to be regretted that the author has made so few personal criticisms or comments, for those she presents create an appetite for more.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

FOUNDED 1856. RECONSTRUCTED 1888.  
 INCORPORATED 1892.

AN Ordinary Meeting of the Society was held at the Offices of the Society, No. 1, Upper Montague Street, Russell Square, London, W.C., on Friday, February 13th, at 5 p.m. *Present*:—Dr. A. K. Chalmers (President) in the chair, Sir Shirley Murphy, and Drs. S. C. Lawrence, R. E. Lauder, J. Tubb-Thomas, H. Beale Collins, P. Caldwell Smith, C. Sanders, W. H. Symons, J. R. Kaye, J. W. Hembrough, H. Handford, T. Ridley Bailey, Duncan Forbes, A. M. N. Pringle, A. E. Porter, J. T. C. Nash, William Butler, Herbert Jones, T. W. N. Barlow, A. Wellesley Harris, Charles Porter, R. Dudfield, G. T. Cattell, A. W. J. MacFadden, Alfred Greenwood, J. S. Tew, F. G. Caley, W. Bertram Hill, S. B. Walsh, E. Colston Williams, H. A. Hall, B. C. Stevens, Thomas Strain, Percy W. Spaul, Bertram Barnett, C. Rolleston, R. Veitch Clark, Elwin H. T. Nash, and A. B. McMaster.

*Minutes*.—The minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting, held on January 9th, published in PUBLIC HEALTH for February, were taken as read, approved, and signed by the President.

*Correspondence*.—Dr. Herbert Jones (Hon. Secretary) reported the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Brooke, daughter of the late Dr. H. Franklin Parsons, thanking the Society for their vote of sympathy on the death of her father.

*Election of Fellows*.—The following candidates for election as Fellows, who had been duly nominated and seconded, were, on ballot, elected unanimously:—

James R. Adam, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., "Glencorra," Bonington Avenue, Lanark; Wm. L. Burgess, M.D., D.P.H., 1, Tally Street, Dundee; Walter Dunstan, M.B., D.P.H., 13, St. Anne's Crescent, Lewes, Sussex, East Sussex S.M.O. (Assist.); Alex. W. Frew, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., D.P.H., 88, Belgrave Road, Oldham; Geo. S. Glass, B.A., M.B., D.P.H., Isolation Hospital, Southampton, Southampton C.B. (Assist.); A. Mabel Gurney, M.B., D.P.H., The Guidhall, Cambridge, Cambridge M.B. (Assist.); Willie H. Parkinson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., "Rowalla," Waverley Road, Kenilworth, Warwick C.C. (Assist.); John Priestley, M.R.C.S., 15, Foregate Street, Stafford, Stafford C.C. (S.M.O.); Robert Richards, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., 149, Ingram Street, Glasgow, Lanark C.C. (Assist.); Edith Serjeant, L.R.C.P., and S., 4, Hatherton Street, Walsall, Walsall C.B. (S.M.O.); James E. Wilson, M.D., D.P.H., 176, Eastgate, Louth, Lincs.

The HON. SECRETARY read a list of nominations for election as Fellows.

DR. W. HANNA, Assistant Port Medical Officer, Liverpool, read a paper on "The Use of Refrigeration in the Preservation of Foods."\*

A vote of thanks was conveyed to Dr. Hanna, and the meeting adjourned.

\* Published in the present issue.