REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SANITARY AID SOCIETIES.

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Your committee begs leave to present a brief report of the work done during the year at Rochester, N. Y., where some of the experimental work of the committee has been going on during the past two years. As stated in its report last year, the work of the committee has been chiefly directed along educational sanitary lines among the mothers' and parents' clubs of the different schools and before organizations of men and women connected with the different churches of the city. This educational work has been done chiefly through lectures, in nearly all cases illustrated by lantern slides. Fourteen lectures have been arranged by seven different speakers. The subjects include the development of school children; useful and harmful bacteria; city food supplies and their origin; contagious diseases and how to prevent them; consumption and its dangers; care of the teeth; the care of the eyes, noses and throats of children; food for school children. Thirty-eight such lectures have been given during the past year; in nearly every case attended by large numbers of people. When a lecture has been asked for, the list of members of the organization requesting the lecture is asked for by the secretary of the Rochester Public Health Association. To each member the secretary mails an invitation to the lecture, so that aside from the notification of lectures by the organization asking the lecture, each member receives an invitation on behalf of the Rochester Public Health Association. This in brief has been a part of our experimental work in Rochester, N. Y.

Of the detailed work of an association with similar objects in view at Indianapolis under the direction of Miss McClung, of this committee, the American Public Health Association is already familiar. Some similar work at Providence is also being done in cooperation with Dr. Helen C. Putnam, of this committee.

Further than this the experimental work of the Rochester Public Health Association will be extended by the opening of a museum of hygiene where models of sanitary dwellings, old tenements and modern tenements, good and bad systems of plumbing and drainage, exhibits of models, anatomic, physiologic and other hygienic exhibits will be shown. A house for this purpose has already been taken, and a part of the exhibit will soon be installed.