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Members have before now received their notices of the Annual Convention which is to be held in London, Ont. on August 19th, 20th and 21st. The programme arranged is an excellent one, and the City of London is well worth a visit. We are very sorry, that our old friend Dick Sanders, who tried so hard to get us there will not be with us. We trust that the attendance, especially of the Ontario members will be a record. Hugh McIntyre says, and rightly too, that those who are to be present should make sure to be at the opening part of the Convention. It is most discouraging to those present to see a small turn out at the very time when we should all put on as big a show as possible when the Civic Addresses of Welcome are given. As stated in the circular letter sent out recently, the sessions are to be held in the Recreation Room, Municipal Building. Registration will begin at 9-00 on the morning of August 19th and the Addresses of Welcome, sharp at 10-00, so for those who are to be present, please be on hand a little before 9-00. Delegates should register at Hotel London.

Perhaps the most important question to be decided at this year's Convention is that of Incorporation of the Association. The Executive Council is not making any recommendation either for or against the proposal beyond making the pertinent enquiry as to where the necessary money for the purpose is to be obtained. We

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hope that there will be a full and harmonious discussion, and that a way may be found to settle this question in a manner that shall add to the strength and prosperity of the Association.

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Do not forget that as this proposal is in the nature of an amendment to the Constitution, proxy votes may be used. It is desired that every member shall express an opinion on the subject. Those not able to be present will no doubt be handicapped by not hearing the discussion, but they may entrust their written proxy votes to any member who is attending the Convention, or they may send them direct to the Secretary-Treasurer before the meeting. If sent to the Secretary, get them off at once, although of course they may be mailed to reach him at London. Address: Mr. A. Officer, c/o Mr. G.F.W. McKay, City Health Department, London Ontario.

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We have been asked to give the members some idea of the programme. At the time this Bulletin is being prepared we have not received the titles of several of the papers but the undernoted will let the members see that we are in for a very good time in discussing some of the subjects.

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Following Registration at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19th, we have the Addresses of Welcome after which is the Presidential Address by our President, Mr. E.W.J. Hague and a paper by Dr. Downham, Medical Health Officer for London. After lunch we are to be favored by a paper on "Modern methods of sewage disposal" by Mr. Veach, Asst. City Engineer, London. Mr. S. Baker, City Clerk, London, is to give a paper on "The position of the Sanitary Inspector in the Municipality." There should be plenty of discussion on these last two papers. After these, the Ontario members will hold

their Annual Branch Meeting. The forenoon of Thursday August 20th will be taken up with papers by Mr. Hugh McIntyre, Provincial Sanitary Inspector, Ontario; Mr. J. Foggio, Chief Sanitary Inspector, Province of Manitoba; and Dr. McNabb, Veterinary Inspector, Province of Ontario. The afternoon will be taken up with two papers; one on "The ventilation of industrial plants" by Mr. P. Pickering, Housing and Supervising Inspector, Winnipeg, and an Address on some timely topic, probably delivered at the Institute of Public Health, by Dr. Slack, Director of the Institute. The Annual Business Meeting of the Association will take place on the evening of the same day. Friday, August 21st is reserved for unfinished business and an automobile trip to various Public Health projects, terminating in a trip to Port Stanley. It is also probable that the City of London will tender us a supper on the evening of the first day. We know that some of our members do not like evening meetings but we cannot very well get away from them. Our highly esteemed Branch Secretary for Ontario, Ernie Picton, is taking care of the programme and hopes to have printed copies on hand for those who are to be present.

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The Secretary-Treasurer has written 54 individual letters to City Councils from Montreal to Victoria, inviting delegates to this gathering. As already stated, we look to the Ontario members to make a real effort, even at some sacrifice, to be with us. The City of Winnipeg is sending two delegates and it is even probable that another Winnipeg member will be present at his own expense.

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The disastrous effects of the earthquake of February last has focussed attention on the fact that New Zealand is a country liable to these seismic disturbances with their consequent disruption of Sanitary and other services. Many Sanitary Inspectors served in the area

covered by the late disturbance, and helped in the maintenance of sanitation or in the restoration of the devastated of such area. Their experience and criticisms would furnish instructive information for those of us who were not fortunate enough to be able to view the situation first hand. We trust it may be many years before any part of New Zealand has to go through a similar experience. It is well, however, to be provided for such contingency, and out of the experiences of dealing with the various problems which arose during the Hawkes Bay Earthquake many lessons may be learned, which may prove useful in the future. Your Secretary-Treasurer wrote to the Secretary of the New Zealand Sanitary Inspectors' Association, in the name of our Association, expressing our most sincere sympathy in the sad disaster, and stating how shocked and grieved we were at the news.

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From a recent copy of HOUSING, we quote the following; "Whether the buildings of the future are to be entirely without windows -- with the people living and working in such buildings depending for their light upon artificial light, securing ultra-violet rays from the lighting unit, and for ventilation and moving air depending upon air-conditioning and artificial ventilation -- is soon to be put to the test. In the City of Fitchburg, Mass., a great new manufacturing plant is being erected by the Simonds Saw and Steel Company. It is stated that the building when completed not only will be entirely without windows, but the workers inside this modern factory will work at orange colored machines in shops with blue and green walls and will receive ultra-violet rays from the lighting units." It may be all right to live or work in rooms without windows, but we have our doubts. It is contrary to nature, and we are old-fashioned enough to want more windows rather than less, or what is worse, no windows at all; and we prefer natural ventilation wherever possible.