

to be used if an expectorant is wished for, and six if an emetic result is to be obtained, are a very valuable remedy which every Nurse will be well advised to provide herself with. As all Nurses know, an emetic sometimes requires to be given at a moment's notice, and it most frequently happens in such urgent cases that no reliable emetic is immediately obtainable. These tabloids occupy the smallest possible space, can be prepared for use in a minute, and are thoroughly trustworthy. The "alkaline and antiseptic" tabloids are a recent preparation which includes several powerful antiseptics, and dissolved in a wineglassful of warm water, forms a valuable mouth-wash, gargle, or spray for employment in cases of relaxed throat, or after infectious diseases of the mouth or pharynx. The tabloids can be obtained from any chemist or direct from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., Snow Hill Buildings, E.C.

Drug, Chemical, and Allied Trades Exhibition.

If one may judge from large attendance and keen interest, this Exhibition must be held to have been a very great success. In addition to those which we noted last week, further exhibits interesting to the profession were the Nurses' Requisites shown by Messrs. Hockin, Wilson & Co., chief amongst which is their Nurse's Bag, filled with everything which a trained Nurse can desire or need; Chatelaines, in pig skin and every variety of leather, well fitted with instruments; and Improved Clinical Thermometers. This firm also exhibited a brand of Eau de Cologne, known as the "Freisenplatz," and an article of great use and interest to Nurses. The Homersham Feeding Cup, an invention greatly used and appreciated in the profession, was also shown by this firm.

Messrs. H. Gilbertson & Sons have a Baby Box of Antiseptic Dressings, most conveniently fitted with everything ready to hand, prepared in compact and cheap form; also New Measurers with raised enamel graduations. A neat box $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$, by $\frac{5}{8}$ in., called Gilbertson's Cyclist Friend, will be of great use to travellers, as it contains appliances ready for use in case of slight accidents.

H. B. Kuhn, 36, St. Mary-at-Hill, has an interesting exhibit of Papain, Dr. Balme's Sublimated Paper, and other valuable preparations.

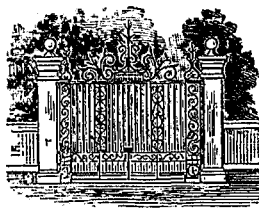
Messrs. Cook & Sons' Soaps, medicated and general, cannot be praised too highly, and their Stand at the entrance of the Hall attracted much attention.

The Ambulance Demonstration proved of great interest to the Nurses who attended, and still more so to the general visitors; the Hall on this occasion being if anything too overcrowded.

The Proprietor and Staff of the *British and Colonial Druggist* are to be congratulated on the great success of their undertaking, and exhibitors and visitors alike benefited by their courtesy and attention in all details.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



A PAPER on the "National Value of Organised Labour and Co-operation amongst Women" was read on Tuesday, before the Economic Section of the British Association, by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. She quoted statistics to show the large and increasing extent to which women are now engaged in every department of labour, and pointed out that hitherto they had not attempted to any marked degree to combine and co-operate amongst themselves. She showed that the results which had been achieved by the Royal British Nurses' Association illustrated how valuable such combinations amongst women would be, not only for the individual assistance of the workers but also for the general improvement of their methods of technical education and work. She considered the non-formation or the non-success of women's societies was largely due to the want of a central and controlling organisation, and showed how such a body could assist in the development of many industries amongst women which are at present greatly neglected. She ascribed much of the present agricultural depression to the diminished part now taken by women in dairy farming, poultry rearing, and other farm employments, and showed that for such produce alone this country last month paid more than two millions sterling to foreign nations. She pointed out the incalculable value of the home work performed by women, and quoted figures and calculations to show that an improved knowledge of dietetic, domestic, and hygienic matters amongst the women of the industrial classes would effect a national economy of at least fifty millions sterling per annum. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick described the constitution of a National Council of Women which is now being formed for the United Kingdom, with similar objects to those which National Councils of Women have been organised to undertake in the United States and in other countries. The Council is to be divided into four main *divisions*—industrial, social, political, and professional, each division being constituted of a number of *sections*, and each section being composed of representatives of societies engaged in its special department of work.

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