

of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, with which the Aberdeen District Nursing Association is affiliated. Part of the Princess's contribution was placed on the needlework stall. It consisted of some beautifully embroidered silk cushions, shaving cases, and work-bags, the value of the assortment being about £6. The other portion of the contribution was displayed on Miss Lumsden's stall, and consisted of a very sweet little doll attired as a bride, with white satin dress, veil, and bouquet all complete. It was marked 30s.

The following is a detailed note of the receipts.

Stalls.	Friday.	Saturday.	Total.
Needlework	£139 0 0	£79 10 6	£218 10 6
Toys and Sweets ...	39 5 0	21 19 3	61 4 3
Patients' Work	54 0 0	32 6 0	86 6 0
Trades Council	70 10 0	47 1 0	117 11 0
Flowers and Plants	30 0 0	25 18 6	55 18 6
Pottery and Art ...	126 2 0	94 9 1	220 11 1
Oriental Kiosk	68 18 3	34 14 9	103 13 0
Game	27 0 0	11 6 4	38 6 4
Refreshments	32 13 9	26 15 0	59 8 9
Miscellaneous	11 18 9	6 17 1	18 15 10
Deposit and Packing	0 17 9	0 8 2	1 5 11
	£600 5 6	£381 5 8	£981 11 2
Palmistry	2 14 0	4 17 6	7 11 6
Admission	42 19 3	53 6 6	96 5 9
Auction sale	—	7 11 10	7 11 10
Hand-book	7 10 0	1 2 9	8 12 9
Sundries	0 8 0	—	0 8 0
	£653 16 9	£448 4 3	£1102 1 0
Donations	404 10 6
Grand total	£1506 11 6

Much interest is felt as to who will be appointed a successor to Pasteur as Director of the Institute in Paris. The Council is to meet shortly, and it is expected that the choice will lie between Dr. Roux, the discoverer of the serum for diphtheria, and Dr. Duclaux, the interim Director, who is acknowledged to be the best living exponent of Pasteurism.

An amusing story about Pasteur is given in the French papers. While dining at his son-in-law's one evening, it was noticed that he dipped his cherries in his glass of water, and then carefully wiped them before eating them. This causing some amusement, he held forth at length on the dangers of the microbes with which the cherries were covered, becoming quite heated. Then he leaned back in his chair, wiped his forehead, and unconsciously picking up his glass drank off the contents, microbes and all.

The custom of laudanum taking as an antidote and "set off" to excess of alcohol, appears to be very much on the increase, and the papers are constantly recording numbers of deaths from this cause. It will certainly be necessary soon to place more restrictions on the sale of laudanum, which, at present, can be obtained with dangerous facility. In many country places, especially in the "Fen Districts," laudanum is sold wholesale by local grocers, and agricultural folk not only take it in somewhat large quantities themselves, but they dose their children—especially the babies in the teething stage—to a very deleterious extent.

The art of distilling "poppy water" is one in which country mothers are very proficient, and many a small infant is dosed nightly with the decoction when "the teeth make 'im so fretful," and the parents' sleep is likely to be disturbed thereby.

An admirable feature of the Mission to Seamen's Institute at Poplar is the teaching of First Aid to the Injured to sailors during the intervals of voyages. Fifty-nine sailors have successfully passed the examination, and have found many opportunities of putting their valuable knowledge to account during accidents at sea.

The list of awards in connection with the Amsterdam Exhibition is now published, and it seems that English exhibitors have come off rather badly. Amongst those who have been more successful are Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., of Snow Hill Buildings, London. A highest award, the Grand Medal of Honour, has been granted them in recognition of the perfection of the following chemical and pharmaceutical products:—Kepler Extract of Malt and the Kepler Solution of Cod Liver Oil in Malt Extract; Hazeline and Hazeline Cream; "Tabloids" of Compressed Drugs and Chemicals, including Hypodermic, Ophthalmic and Photographic "Tabloids"; and "Soloids" of Compressed Antiseptics. This makes the fifteenth highest award this progressive firm has obtained since 1884.

The last Report of the Managers of the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum District has recently been sent to us, and deserves the highest praise. The accommodation of the Asylum, which is well known as one of the best managed of its kind, has now been raised to 640 beds; new day rooms for the convalescent patients have been opened and have been much appreciated; six separation wards for cases requiring isolation, quietude and special treatment have supplied a long-felt need. Miss Voyer, who had been the Matron for twenty-three years, resigned last year, and was succeeded by Miss Sarah Hannaford. A training school for Nurses, with a three years' standard, has been arranged during the past year, a certificate being granted after examination, at the termination of the training.

The Head Nurses in future are to have the designation of Sisters, the Senior Nurses are to be called Staff Nurses, and these are, as vacancies arise, to replace the present night and Assistant Nurses; Probationers taking the work now devolving upon Extra Nurses. Valuable regulations on modern lines have been drawn up for the Sisters and Probationers; the dietary of the Nurses has been greatly improved and made more liberal, and the appointment of a Committee of ladies has been authorised whose duty it will be to visit and examine any part of the Asylum. The average cost of each patient for maintenance in the Asylum has been 6s. 5½d. per week, an amount which compares very favourably with the cost in similar institutions. In every way Mr. Foskett, the Clerk of the Board, is to be congratulated upon the excellence of the Report, and the Committee upon the very valuable improvements which they have made in the Nursing Departments.

The *Sunday Sun* has now taken up the question of the Andrew Clark Memorial, and has repeated much that has already appeared on this subject in *The Times*. But, as we previously remarked, the London Hospital authorities are experts at ignoring inconvenient questions, and the present complaints are met with the stone-wall silence which has characterised previous reflections upon the management of that Institution. It is reported that Mr. H. C. Burdett, who was formerly a staunch advocate of the Hospital, is now, for some reason, raising objections to its methods of management, and it will be interesting to observe whether his success is phenomenal in bringing about the slightest change.

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