

## The Nursing Exhibition.

### THE LARGE HALL.

"This woman's Exhibition is the first and only Exhibition I ever found ready to time," said the representative of a leading London daily, as he looked round on the charming and finished preparations which artistic and indefatigable hands had been busy at for days—and nights.

The sight at entrance was exceedingly pretty, scarlet and white being the leading colours, typifying the NURSING RECORD. The platform was arranged with palms and various flowers in pink, and on this platform the band of the Royal Artillery gave an excellent selection of music. At the entrance the NURSING RECORD stand afforded an opportunity for visitors to provide themselves with programmes and catalogues, while Messrs. Cassell's and the Religious Tract Society's excellent publications on Nursing and cookery were also obtainable.

*Section A* is devoted to General Nursing Appliances, and here are shown most excellent crockery for sick use—bed-pans, medical glasses, &c. Messrs. Maw, Son, and Thompson sent some admirable examples of bandages and anti-septic dressings in every variety. Interspersed with these are Nurse dolls, waiting to apply the beautiful dressings standing ready to their hands.

*A. Severe Burn.*—A model from the Homœopathic Hospital shows a patient as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, with muslin curtains drawn round the bed to prevent annoyance from flies. This is always practised at the Homœopathic in burn cases, curtains which can in three minutes be attached to the cots, being always in readiness.

The exquisite beauty, neatness, and ingenuity of all the exhibits sent from the Homœopathic Hospital is a liberal education in what ward requisites and invalid comforts should be. The model cots, illustrative of the nursing of disease and accident, are in themselves well worth a visit to St. Martin's Town Hall. It is quite impossible to give a description that will at all convey the delicacy and beauty of the models, and the excellence of the needlework wherewith they are clad.

Noticeable, too, among the dolls are two native Probationers, a boy and girl, belonging to the Universities' Mission, Zanzibar, their red and white uniforms setting off to great advantage their bronze skin and coal-black hair.

There is in this Section a bed for rheumatic cases, sent by Messrs. Jaeger, and many other exhibits of great interest.

*Section B* comprises an exhibit of aseptic furniture for the operating theatre, Hospital wards, and surgeon's consulting-rooms. These are shown by Messrs. Down, Weiss, and Maw, Son, and Thompson. A glass operating table, and a lotion stand of brass, nickel-plated, attracts attention from the ease with which it can be wheeled from bed to bed, and lotions poured without removal of the bottles from their stands. The diphtheria table, as made for the diphtheria wards of Guy's, is very noticeable, as are Messrs. Down's beautiful instrument boxes, eight of which have been sent out to the Soudan Expedition, and which may be boiled in their metal cases.

The ward operation waggon from the Evelina Hospital for Children is a good type of what such a waggon should be.

Miss Pincoff's Hold-All attracted the same admiration here which won for it the highest award at the Chicago Exhibition.

*Section C* illustrates the Brain, the Eye, and the Ear, with models of these organs and all the requisites for the operations on them. Cards illustrating instruments for these operations are shown by Messrs. Maw, Son, & Thompson. Irrigators, douches, pipettes, &c., are shown in great variety. Some dainty skull-caps made by Nurse Annie of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park, and a model shown by the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, of the head bandaged after operation, were much admired. St. Bartholomew's Hospital and the Eye and Ear Hospital of Dublin sent a tray and box of eye dressings, as did also the Eye Hospital, Southwark. The Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital sent some excellent bandages for cataract, the North-Eastern Fever Hospital contributing instruments and auriscopes, &c.

*A Brain Case* is illustrated by a dolly from the Homœopathic, shorn of lovely fringe and curls, showing Leiter's Tubes applied as an ice-cap. All the pillow-cases and sheets are hem-stitched, and with the monogram of the Hospital beautifully embroidered. Without these delightful models from the Homœopathic the Exhibition would have missed one of its great attractions.

In this Section also are Nurse dolls from the Royal Free Hospital, Royal South Hants Infirmary, County Hospital at Lincoln, and Children's Hospital at Pendlebury, the caps of the staff of these and many other Hospitals being also daintily and spotlessly shown. The Ward linen from the Liverpool Royal Infirmary, and the washing bed-tick from the Rochdale Fever Hospital find a place on this stall. A blanket-coat from the Lincoln County Hospital for men's use for operations, bath-rooms, &c., attracted attention.

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