

The London Medical Exhibition.

The first of a series of exhibitions, organised by the *British and Colonial Druggist* newspaper, was opened at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, on Monday, and the staff of this journal are to be congratulated on the way in which the arrangements have been carried out. They aimed evidently not at securing a miscellaneous and crowded attendance of casual visitors, but at bringing the exhibits on view under professional notice. The result was that there was plenty of space to move about the Hall, which was admirably adapted for the purpose, and plenty of expert information as to the exhibits available for those who desired it. One criticism, perhaps, we may make with the object of remedying it on another occasion—namely, the difficulty of identifying the stands. In many cases the numbers were not conspicuously displayed, and if the stands followed consecutively the arrangement was not apparent to the uninitiated. The music was excellent, and comfortable seats were provided in the Hall so that it could be thoroughly enjoyed.

NOTICEABLE PREPARATIONS.

Messrs. Keen, Robinson and Co., Ltd., of Denmark Street, St. George's-in-the-East, exhibited their Patent Barley, which is well known as an admirable basis for the preparation of barley-water, while their Patent Groats make delicious gruel. The preparations of this firm find great favour with maternity nurses.

The International Plasmon, Ltd., of Farringdon Street, E.C., showed their preparations in very attractive form.

The Vichy and other medicinal waters supplied by Ingram and Royle, Ltd., of 26, Upper Thames Street, came in for considerable notice.

On the stand of the Aylesbury Dairy Co., Ltd., St. Petersburg Place, Bayswater, we noticed a concentrated humanised milk which the company has recently brought out, and which will, no doubt, be greatly appreciated for the convenience of its form.

Moseley's Food, Ltd., Stockport, showed their valuable preparation of this name. The firm has also recently brought out a cocoa, which is prepared from the finest pure cocoa and Moseley's Food, which is not only a very palatable and digestible drink, but, according to Dr. J. Grant-Stephens, the well-known food expert, contains all the essentials of a perfect diet, and is exceptionally rich in flesh-forming material.

No stand at exhibitions ever commends itself to our notice more than that of Messrs. Cadbury Brothers, Ltd. We have before commented on the support merited by this firm, on the ground of all the care it exercises in regard to the conditions of work and life of its employees. But philanthropy alone will not commend to us an

article of diet. Cadbury's cocoa, however, is its own best recommendation, being absolutely pure, and, in spite of much competition of recent years, easily maintains its position in public favour. We may direct special attention to the Dairy Milk Chocolate of this firm, which is not only a delicious confection, but has a high nutritive value.

Bövril, Ltd., of 152, Old Street, E.C., showed their well-known preparations, which are now used in a large number of hospitals.

Virol is a preparation which is frequently prescribed for children suffering from rickets and anæmia, &c., and is often used in the place of cod-liver oil.

THE FAIRCHILD PRODUCTS.

The valuable products of Fairchild, Bros. and Foster, Snow Hill Buildings, E.C., including their Peptogenic Milk Powder, Pepsinacia, Panopepton, and other preparations, merit more attention than we have space for in a brief review.

NURSING NECESSARIES.

Messrs. E. and R. Garrould were as usual well to the fore with a stand on which their many nursing necessities were exhibited in most attractive form. Especially worthy of note were the all wool beiges, for which the firm is justly celebrated. By means of its Red Cross Catalogue, which is profusely illustrated, nurses who are unable to visit the establishment of the firm in Edgware Road can select what they require at home.

SANITARY SPECIALITIES.

Amongst the exhibits we noticed a very complete one by Messrs. Southall Bros. and Barclay, Ltd., Birmingham, who were the first to invent and patent the sanitary towel, and who from time to time have improved on the original. It can now be obtained impregnated with various antiseptic agents, the "Blue Towel" being specially made for obstetrical purposes. The latest production is the "Towel de Luxe," which has a silk covering. Worthy the notice of travellers is the Cremator for the easy combustion of these towels.

THE BARKER MASSAGE MACHINE.

An exhibit of considerable interest was the Barker Massage Machine (99, Regent Street, W.) for vibratory treatment. The points of the machine are its rapidity of movement and freedom from vibration, and it supplements any system of hand massage. The machine gained the highest award at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904.

JEYES' COMPOUNDS.

Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Co., Ltd., of 64, Cannon Street, E.C., have a deservedly high reputation for their preparations, which were on view.

WODDERSPOON'S CHARTS.

The Charts of Messrs. Wodderspoon, of Gate Street, Holborn, W.C., were attractively displayed. They are so well known to nurses that a brief mention to remind them of the excellency of these charts is all that is necessary.

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