

## Nursing Echoes.

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THE result of the awards in the British Nursing Section at the Chicago Exhibition are reported to be as follows:—No. 1. "For collective scientific exhibit, general excellence and advancing nursing methods": Medal and Diploma (highest award), Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Registered Nurse. No. 2. "For Bag for the use of District Nurses—best of the kind exhibited":

Medal and Diploma, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. No. 3. Surgical Models. "For exquisite workmanship and beauty": Medal and Diploma, Miss Marion Rumball, Registered Nurse, Sister, Homœopathic Hospital, London. No. 4. Private Nurses, "Holdall"—"For completeness and usefulness": Medal and Diploma, Miss Marion Pincoffs, Registered Nurse. No. 5. Bedstead and Fittings—"For comfort of patient and hygienic improvements": Medal and Diploma, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

A SHORT review of the British Nursing Department may prove of interest. The exhibit was arranged in ten sections: No. 1 contained nearly every article used by Nurses in their professional work, exhibited by Messrs. Bailey & Son, of Oxford Street. No. 2 contained every sort of surgical dressing in use in Great Britain, and manufactured by Messrs. Macfarlane, of London and Edinburgh. No. 3 was devoted to an exhibition of hygienic dress, by Miss Franks, of Mortimer Street, London. In No. 4 was displayed padded splints and Nurses' inventions. In No. 5, surgical models, designed and executed by Sister Marion Rumball and the Nursing Staff of the London Homœopathic Hospital. No. 6, bandages made and shown by Mrs. Walter Lakin, Registered Nurse, Rochester. No. 7, Nurses' caps and bonnets, and uniforms in miniature. No. 8, dietary appliances. No. 9, glass for medical and surgical purposes, made by Messrs. Powell, Whitefriars, London, and in No. 10, items of comfort for the sick. In this department was also to be found a centre case, containing dolls of uniform size, showing the uniforms worn by Nurses of the British Empire; statues and portraits of leading Nurses; invalid furniture designed by women; a model room in miniature, showing the most advanced method of ventilation and dust-exclusion; a Nursing library, and interesting relics and possessions of the past great leaders in Nursing reform.

FROM Miss MAUD SMITH, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, comes, what appears to us, an admirable suggestion, and that is a department in our paper entitled "Comparing Notes," in which Nurses could write, giving their experiences, and giving our readers the benefit of their practical knowledge. The letter signed "An old Lady Pupil," in the Council column of this issue, appears to us of especial interest, written as it is by a Nurse who has had the advantage of working in Hospitals through the great transition period of the past fifteen years.

THE marvellous progress made in all that appertains to Nurses and Nursing during this period can, we think, only be duly appreciated by those women who have personally helped to bring the condition of things to their present level, and we cannot imagine that anything could prove of greater value to the Probationers of to-day than to hear something of the details of the work of the past, and of the experiences of those predecessors to whose courage, devotion, and *power of endurance* they owe so much. If it is a well-recognised fact that great measures of reform still remain to take place in Nursing matters, it should be within the knowledge of every woman desirous of aiding reform what immense difficulties have been overcome in the past. We shall be glad to hear from our readers their views on "Comparing Notes."

IN the early part of this year, Miss ANNIE BARLING, one of the Gold Medallists at St. Bartholomew's, was appointed Matron to the Kidderminster Infirmary, and it is gratifying to learn that, at the request of the Committee, the nursing department has been thoroughly reorganized upon modern lines. Probationers are now received for a term of three years' training—working during the first year for no salary, and receiving in the second and third year £14 and £18. The honorary medical staff have extended their hearty co-operation in establishing an efficient curriculum of training. Dr. PENSLEYS EVANS, lecturing on Anatomy and Physiology, and Mr. LIONEL STRETTON on "Nursing," the Matron undertaking the practical teaching, such as bandaging, etc.—this latter arrangement is most satisfactory, as, for the future, a Nurse's practical ability and skill should conduce largely to the position awarded to her, in the granting of certificates and medals.

THE first yearly examination has just been held, only one Nurse, Miss PEEL, being eligible for a certificate after three years' work. The Probationers were placed in order, according to the number of marks obtained—the prize given by the Examiners being won by Miss FRANCIS BISH.

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