

Nursing Exhibit in the East End.

BEING keenly interested in all branches of women's work, we journeyed last week to the People's Palace, to see the women's industries practically illustrated. We are unable to commend the manner in which this section has been organised, as, unhappily for the laborious women workers in the East End, very little is to be seen of the industries by which so many of our poorer sisters gain a scanty living. This is much to be regretted, as the opportunity of bringing these industries before the public was a valuable one.

The London Hospital, however, has a most instructive little exhibit on view in this section, and the Sister who, we were told, organised the exhibit, is greatly to be congratulated. Amongst the exhibits we noticed a complete District Nurse's Cupboard, arranged by Miss Hamilton, of Tredegar House, and fitted by Messrs. Maw, Son, and Thompson, in which clothing and all necessary appliances were to be found.

The models of various cut dressings, bandages, and splints, were practical, and the specimens of bandaging on wooden models were well done.

We specially noticed the complete set of tin boxes for dressings, divided down the middle, and having two trays, and in which all sorts of dainty dressings were neatly stored away. The tin with various compartments, in which lint spread with ointment was kept, was very cleanly.

The dinner tins were also of a very sensible make, and constructed to hold hot water.

The zinc ice trays, with perforated insets, attached to a bed cradle, and which, when filled with ice, are used to lower the temperature in pneumonia and typhoid fever, are a great improvement on the system of hanging zinc pails to the cradle. The melted water is carried off through a tube into a pail under the bed, and thus prevents the old inconvenience of dripping, and allows a much larger quantity of ice to be used. We were also shown sheets made of a coarse mull muslin, used in cases of hyperpyrexia, which were much lighter and more porous than the usual linen or cotton sheeting.

The night gowns for the typhoid patients are made to open down the back, and have the distinguishing mark of a red collar. The copper-hot-water bottles have the stopper attached by a little chain—a very necessary precaution, when one estimates the numbers which are carelessly put aside and lost.

The large stone poison jars in which lotions are sent up from the Dispensary are painted most distinctly in glaring colours and

letters, so that only the most careless person could possibly make a mistake in using these fluids.

The bed, and cot-bedding and linen were all of good material; but the locker shown had a side rack for medicines, which we consider undesirable. Medicines of all sorts should be kept out of reach of the patient; and the dressing wagon in use at the London Hospital, made of wood, with a tiled top, should now be exchanged for the aseptic articles made in glass and metal by Messrs. Down, of St. Thomas Street. Lockers fashioned in the same way would also be much more cleanly if constructed of glass and metal—especially as we regret to find that the obsolete custom is still extant at the London Hospital, of the patients providing their own tea, sugar, and butter, which have to be kept in their lockers, a practice which is distinctively unhygienic, and which the Committee should prevent by providing these necessaries for the patients.

The exhibit of dressings, arranged in airtight glass jars, and the drugs, cachets, &c., looking like dainty candies more than medicines, have been arranged most beautifully by the Head Dispenser of the London Hospital.

Altogether this little show somewhat redeems the meagre Women's Work Section at the East London Trades Industries and Art Exhibition.

Appreciation.

MISS JANET F. MURRAY, of Richmond, who has given very valuable service for the last twelve years in connection with the St. John's Ambulance Association Nursing Guild has been elected for enrolment as an honorary Associate. The badge of an honorary Associate is the eight-pointed Maltese cross in silver, suspended from a black-watered silk ribbon.

The members of the Kegworth Ladies' Nursing Class, given under the auspices of the St. John's Ambulance Society, recently made a public presentation of a testimonial by the class to Nurse Warren. It consisted of the unique and uncommon present of a handsomely bound volume of the Church Services in Pitman's shorthand—the happy recipient being a devotee of the winged art. This is a unique present for a Nurse, but then it is rare to find a Nurse with so unusual an accomplishment as a knowledge of shorthand.

At a meeting of the Mallow Nursing Association, the District Nurse, Miss Daly, received the highest praise, and, as a practical proof of the subscribers' appreciation of her work, a sum of money was voted to enable her to take a much-needed holiday.

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