

The Chemists' Exhibition.

AN Oriental odour of mixed perfumes meets one at the entrance to the Chemists' Exhibition, now being held in the National Skating Palace, Argyle Street, W., and by the time one has gone round one has felt inclined to spend one's substance in Violette de Parme Scents and Soaps before looking at the valuable compounds designed for the sick and convalescent.

A useful and interesting half-day could be spent by Nurses and others examining the exhibits, some of which were lately shown at the British Medical Association at Carlisle. All manner of specimens of pharmacy and drugs are to be seen in their most attractive colours. Even castor oil is represented so that one can look at it without nausea. Anybody who had the benefit of seeing the Nursing Exhibition will not look for Nursing novelties here, but many Nursing requisites are to be seen scattered throughout the hall, and a feeding cup of japanned tin, for patients suffering from chorea or delirium, strikes the observer as a novelty, though hardly a pretty one. And large cruets of anti-diphtheretic serum are on view. All sorts of antiseptics and dressing appliances are to be found on the various stands, as well as samples of concentrated and compressed goods of every kind—beef meal and beef cocoa being, perhaps, amongst the newest.

The Chemists' Exhibition ought to be a success.

Comments and Replies.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. E. Lancashire writes: Can you tell me of any Home where a lady would be received who is suffering from

rheumatism? She is for the time crippled, but with *treatment and care* hopes to recover in time. She would be able to pay a small sum. [Some of our readers may perhaps be able to help G. E.—Ed.]

Miss C. Bates, Chester.—If you are really interested in the work of a Nurse, we should advise you to try another Hospital, and not give up because of the reason you mention. If, on the other hand you have no true love of nursing sick people, on no account undergo further training. We are of opinion that women who really are fitted to become Nurses of the sick, are able to surmount the difficulties which are inevitable in acquiring a thorough practical knowledge of their work, *whatever those difficulties may be.*

Mrs. J. W., Louth.—We consider the Dietary Sheet you enclose varied and sufficient if the food is well cooked. It is absurd for women entering public institutions to expect "made dishes" to be provided at every meal, and your suggestion that your daughter always had "red wine with her meals at home" is no reason why she should be provided with wine (excepting upon the order of a medical man) in a Hospital. It is these unreasonable demands upon the part of young women who enter Hospitals as Probationers, that often brings ridicule upon the "educated Nurse." Young women who cannot take wholesome food without the addition of "red wine," should either remain inmates of their luxurious homes, or undertake work where they can cater for themselves.

Sister A., Glasgow.—We are very pleased you found the RECORD so helpful; we approve your suggestion, and will communicate with you later concerning it.

Miss Alice Dunne, Elgin, N.B.—Obtain a copy of the "Nursing Directory," price 5/-, from the Office, 11, Adam Street, Strand. There is no need for you to come to England to train as a Nurse. Consult the Matron, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. There are always plenty of openings for those who desire to undertake District Work.

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