

## Professional Review.

## PASTEUR.

THE life of Pasteur by Mr. and Mrs. Percy Frankland (published by Messrs. Cassell & Co., Limited), is a book which must possess the greatest interest for all who admire the work of one of the greatest scientists of the age. It is satisfactory that the work of this genius received due recognition during his lifetime, and that the magnificent ceremony which took place in Paris on the occasion of his seventieth birthday was attended by illustrious persons from all parts of France as well as from many other countries. Pasteur's words to these delegates deserve to be recorded. "You, lastly, delegates of foreign nations, who have come from so far to give proof of your sympathy with France, you bring me the deepest happiness which a man can experience who believes invincibly that science and peace will triumph over ignorance and war, that people will learn to agree together, not for purposes of destruction, but for improvement, and that the future will belong to those who shall have done the most for suffering humanity. I address myself to you, my dear Lister, and to all of you, illustrious representatives of science, of medicine, and of surgery. Young people, young people! confine yourselves to those methods, sure and powerful, of which we, as yet, know only the first secrets. And all, whatever may be your career, never permit yourselves to be overcome by scepticism, both unworthy and barren; neither permit the hours of sadness which pass over a nation to discourage you. Live in the serene peace of your laboratories and your libraries. First ask yourselves, 'What have I done for my education?' Then, as you advance in life, 'What have I done for my country?' So that some day that supreme happiness may come to you, the consciousness of having contributed in some measure to the progress and welfare of humanity."

The success of Pasteur's treatment of hydrophobia by means of inoculation is now an established fact, but, in common with other great men, persecution and misunderstanding were his portion. We read, "It was amidst the most determined opposition at home and abroad that Pasteur had to fight, over two years, for the public recognition of this great discovery. . . . The effect of this constant strain told terribly upon Pasteur's health." Dr. Roux tells us how "from time to time, when the preventive inoculations were applied to man, all repose was lost for him. Each bitten individual brought fresh pre-occupation to him. The sight of the wounded children caused him especially the most vivid emotion, which he could not control."

Any notice of this book in the space at our disposal must of necessity be slight and incomplete. Pasteur's whole life was one long energy, beginning with his wonderful chemical researches, and ending in his successful application of inoculation to the treatment of disease, for there is no doubt that although Pasteur's work was mainly directed to the treatment of hydrophobia by this method, this may be regarded as a single illustration of the treatment of disease which will prevail in the future.

We commend the book to the notice of our readers.

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## The Record Offices.

## EXHIBITION ROOMS.

NURSES who are visiting London, and, indeed, London nurses also, will do well to pay a visit to the Nursing Exhibition Rooms at the NURSING RECORD Offices, 11, Adam Street, Strand. They will here find many things of interest to them, collected together so that they can inspect them in a short time.

In the case devoted to Messrs. Maw, Son & Thompson, are to be found a variety of instruments, surgical cases, an air cushion, glass and aluminium kidney trays, as well as other aluminium goods. Then there are dainty models of bed-pans, as also of a china irrigator, and a bed bath. A lamp which should be a boon to night nurses is on view, a box for antiseptic dressings, and midwifery and district nurses' bags.

Messrs. Reynolds and Branson are, of course, in evidence. Their bandage shoot is now fairly well-known, but deserves to be widely adopted. Bandages of three inches, two inches, and finger bandages are always at hand. There are the scissors ready to cut them, the safety pins to fasten them, lint, strapping and splints. A more compact and convenient appliance would scarcely be possible. Then there is the silent coal box, an illustration of which has appeared in the NURSING RECORD, and the enema syringe cupboard, enema clips, and strainers fitting on to the valve of the syringe, and so preventing the entrance of undesirable bodies. There are celluloid cases for dressings, glass ligature reels, umbilical envelopes, umbilical pads, non-runaway bandages, and many other niceties fascinating to all true nurses.

Messrs. Seabury and Johnson, of New York, and 46, Jewin Street, E.C., show many interesting things. There is a sanitary spitting cup, with a paper lining which can be easily destroyed, and a lid which closes down; there are elastic bandages with special excellencies, gauzes and wools in air-tight tins, drainage tubes and ligatures put up in a way which leaves nothing to be desired, carbolized oiled silk, adjustable elastic adhesive strips, for bringing together gaping wounds, plasters of all sorts and sizes put up in the most attractive way, carbolized sponges, medicated soaps, sulphur candles, and other appliances.

The Angier's Petroleum Emulsion, and the Syrup of Figs, which is prepared by the Californian Fig Company, and may be obtained at 32, Snow Hill, E.C., are on view, as well as the Florida Water prepared by Messrs. Murray and Lanman, New York, a delightful preparation which is invaluable in times of illness.

Messrs. Cadbury and Co. show specimens of their world renowned cocoa, the excellence of which is its own advertisement. Here may be seen the various raw goods from which the article of commerce is produced. Beans, shells, nibs, cocoa-butter are all on view. The chocolate biscuits of this firm are dainties which were much appreciated at the Nursing Exhibition, and Messrs. Cadbury certainly merit wide support if for no other reason than the fact that they are so considerate of the welfare of their workpeople. The consumer, however, whilst patronizing the goods of this firm on this account, benefits himself at the same time, as he gets most excellent value for his money.

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