

The Cookery Exhibition.

At the Cookery and Food Exhibition, at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W., last week the following awards were made in Class 3 of the Invalid Cookery Section, open only to certificated nurses.

Gold Medal.—Miss Cash (Chelmsford Infirmary). *Silver Medals.*—Nurse Griffiths, (Charing Cross Hospital), Nurse Walton (Guy's Hospital), Nurse Michael (London Hospital), Nurse A. P. Farrington (Westminster Hospital).

Bronze Medals.—Nurse Scott (London Hospital), Nurse Rivelt (Charing Cross Hospital). *Certificates of Merit and Books.*—Nurse Bodenham (Guy's Hospital), Nurse Bell (London Hospital), Nurse M. Green (Charing Cross Hospital).

It was interesting to note the main characteristics of the trays sent by the competing hospitals. Guy's nurses all used the same white china, with green monogram, and a small spray of white heather. The effect of so much white was rather depressing. Westminster nurses used plain white china and no flowers, the London nurses introduced plenty of colour, and some of the Charing Cross nurses had considered this point. The decoration was in some cases certainly over done. Great trails of smilax are out of place on an invalid's tray, and an extraordinary amount of food appeared on most of the trays.

The most tempting one, from an invalid's standpoint, was that daintily arranged by Miss Cutler, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The perfect single deep red rose in a silver vase was an ideal decoration.

The Hospital World.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL.

It was the flags and bunting flying across the Holloway Road which marked the building, and the festival event at the Great Northern Central Hospital, and drew the stranger into its gates, on Thursday, November 29th. It was the second annual Pound Day, as well as a Sale of Work, which was organised by the "Ladies' Association" of that hospital. Lady Faudel Phillips very kindly opened the Sale, and received gifts of one pound in weight, one pound in value, one pound in cash, and many other useful and saleable articles.

There were many lovely things which were worked by the ladies of the association, and they acted as most charming saleswomen, inducing the guests and relatives of the patients to buy, without unduly pressing them.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



At a festival dinner last week at the Hotel Cecil on behalf of the funds of the Royal Free Hospital, W.C., at which the Duke of Connaught presided, and strongly urged the claims of the institution for support, the contributions received or promised in the course of the evening amounted to £7,424.

The Annual Sale of Work on behalf of the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Great Portland Street, was opened by Lady Ludlow on Thursday last.

The British Medical Association has pointed out to Miss L. Johnson and Miss N. F. Smith two lady doctors who were applicants for the post of resident medical officer at the Poor Law Hospital, Halifax, that the former salary for the office was £140, and that though the work remained the same the salary had been lowered to £100. In these circumstances they felt they ought to withdraw their applications, unless the Guardians could make the remuneration equal to that of the previous holder of the post. The ladies wrote to the Board that if they could see their way to adjust the matter, either of them would be pleased to accept the appointment. The Board has not yet made its decision.

The Board of the London Homœopathic Hospital contemplates the establishment of wards for middle-class contributing patients, both male and female, there being at present no such accommodation for treatment by homœopathic practitioners in London. The reason for this step is stated to be that the middle-class patients are not able to afford the fees which specialists expect, and they shrink from the "charity" side of the hospital, while they require proper nursing and attention, which is not obtainable in their own homes.

The City Corporation has voted 1,000 guineas to Lord Mayor's Fund for the establishment of an institution for the crippled children of the Metropolis.

It is estimated that over £5,000 was represented by the dresses in some recent tableaux vivants in aid of the League of Mercy. We wonder, says a contemporary, what proportion of this sum was realised for the League of Mercy.

The three days' fancy fair and bazaar which was held in aid of South Wimbledon New Hospital Building Fund realised between £1,400 and £1,500.

Mr. G. Herbert Strutt has given a motor-car to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary in order to assist the Secretary to develop a scheme for forming committees in the towns and villages of the county for making special efforts to assist the funds of the Infirmary.

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