

ing, expressed the opinion that anyone who gave to that, or any other, hospital was repaid a thousandfold. She advocated collecting. No one need be ashamed of collecting; in fact, they ought to be ashamed not to collect for such an object. Bazaars were played out, and she deprecated dinners and concerts. Collecting was the best form. She had already collected nearly £50 in the last two or three days.

### The Hospital Exhibit at the Franco-British Exhibition.

The exhibit at the Franco-British Exhibition, arranged by the London Hospital, is disappointing inasmuch as it fails to afford any adequate presentment of nursing in this country to the thousands of visitors who will visit the Women's Building hoping to gain there some idea of the nursing system in this country. But some of the exhibits are of interest from the more general standpoint of hospital equipment.

The wall at the back of the exhibit, representing the wall of a ward, is covered with Paripan paint, which has a highly-glazed surface, and is used in those wards at the London Hospital which are not tiled, and is found to be very satisfactory. The electric light standards, which have green glass shades, can be readily detached from the wall and used as a torch to light any required spot about the patient's bed, or can be placed on the locker at the bedside to throw light on the occupant's book when reading.

A bed-table, with opaline top, and on castors, was cleanly and attractive, though the wooden frame was a drawback. One of the most interesting exhibits was a medicine cupboard of glass mounted in brass. Those used in the hospital have a framework covered with white enamel.

The flasks for stimulants, medicine bottles, ointment jars, etc., were dainty specimens, and the whole contents of the cupboard can be seen at a glance.

An "anaesthetic table," on which were displayed the various things necessary for an operation, had shelves which were nickel-plated instead of the more ordinary glass ones, it being found that the glass shelves are sometimes apt to crack spontaneously, and a bowl of hot lotion may cause a similar accident. The iron framework of this table is covered with a patent enamel which is burnt on and does not chip.

One exhibit which will no doubt attract considerable attention amongst the modern appliances is a case of old-fashioned instruments. Surely alongside of this might be placed the wooden locker in which patients at the London still keep the tea, butter, and sugar which they provide for themselves.

A chair, specially designed for the use of heart cases, has a semi-circular padded rail, which is stated to be a great comfort to these patients. Two beds and a cot containing dummy patients are sure to interest the ordinary onlooker.

### Legal Matters:

The constant thefts in the Nurses' Home at the London Hospital resulted last week in Minna Graves, 29, a certificated nurse, being charged, at the Thames Court, with stealing a purse and 25s. belonging to the Governors of the London Hospital.

Mr. E. W. Morris, secretary of the hospital, said the accused was a nurse in that institution. In consequence of losses witness, on the 9th inst., had the purse placed in a wardrobe in Gertrude Nixon's (a nurse) room. The purse and coins in it were marked with an invisible aniline dye. On Monday the purse was missed, and later on a towel, a pair of gloves, and a handkerchief, all having blue stains, were brought to him. He sent for the prisoner, and in the presence of Mr. Sydney Holland, the matron, and a detective, told her of the trap that had been set, and also asked what she had to say. Prisoner denied all knowledge of the theft, and could give no explanation as to the stains. The purse and coins had not been found.

Detective-Sergeant Girdler, H Division, said when the accused was given into his custody she said, "I do not know anything about it." She then produced from her pocket a small purse containing £4 10s. in gold and a sixpence, neither of which were marked. When shown the linen she said: "They are mine. I do not know what to say."

Prisoner now pleaded guilty to stealing another purse and 35s.

Mr. Morris gave her an excellent character as a nurse, and said they had no wish to press the charge.

Mr. Chester Jones bound her over to come up for judgment if called upon within twelve months.

This leniency may be merciful, but is it just when it is an open secret that Minna Graves is supposed to have confederates in the hospital? Anyway, some of the thefts have been very cruel; one especially so, the case of a nurse who, out of her little salary, had for long been saving what she could spare, so that she might visit her family, who live abroad. The whole of her little hoard of eight pounds was stolen, and many other nurses have had serious losses.

The Committee of the London Hospital have cancelled Minna Graves's certificate of training, and dispensed with her services, but with registration still unaccomplished there is nothing to prevent her prosecuting her professional career in private houses, where the sick are still comparatively defenceless.

### AN OFFER FROM LEMCO.

The Lemco Company are running a very interesting competition, the object of which is to find out how many uses there are for Lemco. Over 200 cash prizes are to be awarded, the first being £50. All that is necessary is to make out a list of the different ways Lemco is found of service, and to send it with one Lemco buff wrapper to Lemco, 4, Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C. The best lists get the prizes. The closing date of the competition is June 15th.

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