

The Nursing Exhibition.

THE PRIZES.

Mrs. Hampton Robb, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Sister Agnes Karll were the judges of the Nurses' Practical Exhibits, and made a careful inspection of the sections on Thursday.

The first prize of £3 3s. was unanimously awarded to the District Nursing Section, organised by Lady Hermione Blackwood, Miss E. C. L. Eden, and Miss C. C. du Sautoy.

The second prize of £2 2s. was awarded to the "Head" Section, arranged by the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, and the third prize of £1 1s. to the Maternity Nursing Exhibit prepared by the St. John's House Nurses' League, and which included the layette from Cuba.

The following exhibits received honourable mention:—St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League, the Registered Nurses' Society, the Irish Nurses' Association, the German Nurses' Association, the Ecole des Infirmières de l'Assistance Publique of Paris, special mention being made of the chest for school nursing shown by Mme. Jacques, the Ecoles des Gardes Malades at Bordeaux, the Model Mortuary, the School Nursing Exhibit of the London County Council, and that of the London Missionary School of Medicine.

NURSES' INVENTIONS PRIZES.

The First Prize of £2 2s. was awarded to Miss E. C. L. Eden for her Aluminium District Box, and The Second Prize of £1 1s. was given to Miss Huxley for the Elpis Bed Rest.

Common consent endorsed the opinion of the judges in awarding the first prize to the District Nursing Section. Not only was it the most comprehensive, but it included in a greater degree than any other section contrivances with which a nurse meets the demands made upon her when ordinary appliances are not forthcoming. Specially noticeable were the sleeping-out bag used for patients having open-air treatment in Providence, Ohio, sent by Miss Gardner; the carrying chair sent by Miss Hadden, Superintendent at the Central Home, 23, Bloomsbury Square, W.C., the seat being formed of roller towelling; the box model of a kitchen prepared for operation, sent by the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association; the paper blanket and the kettle spout, sent by the Liverpool District Nursing Association; the bag and appliances used by the nurses of the Henry Street Settlement, New York; the model of a town room before and after the advent of the district nurse, sent by Miss Platt; the stocked medical cupboard and the cradle in which stone gingerbeer bottles are used as a substitute for hot water bottles, sent by the Ranyard Nurses, 25, Russell Square, W.C.; the model of a village maternity case before and after the advent of the certified midwife, sent by Miss du Sautoy; the exhibit of the Scottish Branch of the Q.V.J.I., and many other interesting and useful things.

In the exhibit of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, the comfortable bandage for mastoid cases, and Sister Sherlock's arrangement of tubes for applying heat or cold in cases of ex-ophthalmic gôitre,

attracted much attention. The interest of this exhibit was greatly increased by the dainty exhibits sent by a number of special hospitals already enumerated in this journal.

The Maternity Exhibit, organised by the League of St. John's House Nurses, gained much commendation, the fine needlework being deservedly admired.

Miss Eden's Aluminium District Box, which gained the first prize, weighed only 2 lb. 5 oz. when empty; it was waterproof, watertight, and dustproof; the lid can be used as a tray for instruments, and the other part as a steriliser.

Miss Huxley's bed rest was attached to an iron rod, and fixed to the head of the bed by four straps. The mesh arrangement was connected by side ropes with a foot rest, also usable as a knee rest.

Resolutions of the Congress.

TUESDAY, JULY 20TH.

I.

"That in order to give effect to the proposal contained in Mrs. Hampton Robb's paper on an 'International Standard of Nursing Education,' the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses be asked to form a Standing Educational Committee, which shall report to the triennial meeting of the Council."

THURSDAY, JULY 22ND.

II.

"That in view of the introduction of a Nurses' Registration Bill into the House of Commons next Session, this Congress requests Dr. Robert Jones, with his colleagues of the Medico-Psychological Association, and the Matrons of the Asylums, to convene a Conference on Mental Nursing in London in order to discuss this important branch of nursing service."

FRIDAY, JULY 23RD.

III.

"That this meeting recommends to each National Association of Nurses now in membership in the International Council of Nurses that it do appoint in its own country a Standing Committee on Morality and Public Health, and that it plans its work on the following lines:—

"1. To learn how and to what extent immorality is affected by national or local laws.

"2. To recommend suitable instructive literature to nurses on this topic.

"3. To put itself in communication with national societies of moral prophylaxis.

"4. To urge more careful teaching on these lines to nurses in hospitals."

IV.

"Resolved—That this meeting do urge upon responsible Government Departments for Prisons that the Warders and Wardresses entrusted with the care of prisoners should be systematically trained for their duties. In the opinion of this meeting it is necessary that such officials should be instructed in the elements of general and personal hygiene and the underlying principles of physical and psychological nursing."

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