

The London Medical Exhibition.

The London Medical Exhibition, which opened at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W., on Monday last, and is continued until Friday evening, is always an interesting event.

The British and Colonial Druggist, 44, Bishopsgate Street Without, E.C., is to be congratulated that the exhibition is organised, not to attract curious sightseers, but to collect and bring to the notice of the medical profession the newest inventions, foods, and drugs. Amongst the many interesting exhibits we noticed that of "BOVRII," Ltd. (Stand 74), Food Specialists to His Majesty's Government. One of the most useful preparations of this firm is "Invalid Bovril," which contains a high percentage of proteid, is unseasoned, and is readily taken by invalids.

CADBURY BROTHERS, LTD. (Stand 11), Bournville, near Birmingham, showed their Cocoa Essence, which for many years has established and maintained a reputation of the highest character for purity, palatability, delicacy, and economy. Two delicious confections were also offered to visitors—Cadbury's Dairy Milk Chocolate, and Bournville Chocolate, which should be remembered when boxes of Christmas goodies are ordered.

KEEN, ROBINSON, AND Co., LTD. (incorporated with J. and J. Colman, Ltd., London and Norwich) (Stand 81), showed many dainty preparations, well known to nurses and midwives for their utility for use in the sick room, such as "Patent" Barley, and "Patent" Groats.

THE GAS LIGHT AND COKE Co., whose exhibit is located to the right of the entrance to the hall, showed their stoves, which have now become indispensable in so many nursing homes and private houses.

JAYES SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY, LTD., 64, Cannon Street, E.C. (Stand 57), had, as usual, a most attractive exhibit. Amongst their newer preparations are some antiseptic lozenges, known as "Cyllin Pastilles." The firm also supplies an admirable leaflet, published in this country by permission of the New York State Department of Health, showing by illustrations, understood by all, the means for dealing with the scourge of consumption. Ten thousand of these leaflets have been supplied to the Women's National Health Association of Ireland, and would be most useful for distribution by district and school nurses, health visitors, and sanitary inspectors.

THE MEDICAL SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, 228, Gray's Inn Road, W.C. (Stand 61), made a specialty of their Guyot-Greville Operating Tables, incorporating all the newest principles, and admirably adapted for hospitals and nursing homes.

INTERNATIONAL PLASMON, LTD., 66a., Farringdon Street, E.C. (Stand 34), showed their valuable preparations with which all nurses should be acquainted. Specially to be commended for invalids are Plasmon Tea and Plasmon Cocoa.

A. WANDER, Ph.D., 1 and 3, Leonard Street, City Road, E.C. (Stand 105), showed their valuable preparation, "Ovaltine," a concentrated, pleasant, and easily digested food, which has also the advantage of being very easily prepared.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



Great indignation has been aroused throughout the country by the physical force treatment of suffragist prisoners at Birmingham. At a meeting at Queen's Hall on Monday, the following resolution was adopted:—"This meeting protests against the assault committed upon imprisoned Suffragists, and calls upon the Government to abandon this policy of forcible feeding, which involves great physical danger and even unwarrantable indignity inflicted upon their political opponents." Mrs. Pethick Lawrence declared that neither flogging nor death would deter women from their purpose, while Miss Pankhurst stated that the writs issued in connection with forcible feeding claimed damage for assault and asked for an injunction to restrain the authorities from continuing the treatment. A memorial signed by Sir Victor Horsley, Dr. Alexander Haig, Mr. Mansell Moullin, and others, protesting against forcible feeding, has been sent to the Prime Minister and the members of the Cabinet.

The argument of the Government that taxed women who claim the vote with a limited amount of violence shall not be treated as political prisoners and placed in the first division, will not convince a fly. Dr. Jameson and his raiders, after bloodshed, were so placed, as was a Duchess when sent to Holloway for a criminal offence.

Mrs. Edwin Gray, the President of the National Union of Women Workers, presided at a delightful meeting at Caxton Hall last week to receive the reports from the delegates to the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women, held in Toronto this summer. In a word, everyone has returned charmed with Canada and full of enthusiasm for its hospitable, hard-working people, and we were glad to note that our delegates were one and all fired with the international spirit, which of recent years has been the dominating influence in the nursing world.

Mrs. Gray spoke eloquently of the need of skilled domestic workers in Canada, as well as for women who would be content to go out to lonely farms and become wives of settlers. She emphasised as a regrettable fact that the British Government had no commercial agent in Canada, though other European countries had several!

Miss Emily Janes gave her very thoughtful impressions of the Council meetings, and reports upon the sections dealing with art, literature, industry, public health and social work and reform were presented. Incidentally someone remarked that "Canada would be Paradise if one could obtain a glass of pure water!"

Miss Norah E. Green's report on "Life on the Prairie" was so fresh that we give it *in extenso*.

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