

A PRACTICAL EXHIBIT.

Exhibitions of Nursing Handicraft are always of interest. Those who desire to test this statement should visit the Nursing Section in Woman's Kingdom at Olympia, organised by the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. A notable feature of the exhibit is the number of Leagues and their members which organised its sections, and who have taken the greatest personal interest in its success, some of the busiest Matrons, Assistant Matrons, and Sisters finding time to personally supervise the arrangement of their own section. Amongst those who took a close interest in the details of their sections were the Matrons and Assistant Matrons of the Royal Free Hospital, the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C., the Chelsea Infirmary, and the Matrons of the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, the Royal Ear Hospital, Soho, and Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton, Miss Cutler (St. Bartholomew's), Miss Kitchen (Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital), Miss Hepzibah Walker (South London Nurses' Co-operation), and many others.

We gave in brief a general description of the exhibits last week. This week we propose to describe more in detail some of the exhibits.

THE HEAD.

THE ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.

Great admiration is expressed of the fomentation pads shown by Miss Kitchen. They are made of gamgee, circular in shape with oil silk in the centre. The edges are oversewn, the oil silk being caught in by the stitches, thus keeping it securely in place. Lightly attached is a loose pad of boracic lint folded double, with the smooth side outside. In this section are the goggles, sent by Miss Wilson, of the Glasgow Lock Hospital, to be worn by doctor or nurse when doing infectious dressings. These have been recently described in the JOURNAL. Other exhibits of interest are the double eye-pad, Moorfields pattern, a cataract bandage, and an eye-flap.

THE ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL.

The little nasal splints in this section, sent by Miss Macfarlane, are very dainty. With them is a finger stall, which is inserted on the finger when a plug is needed. The finger is then gently withdrawn and the stall packed with wool or gauze. The packing can thus be changed with a minimum of disturbance of the patient. Miniature mastoid and other dressings, on dolls, show their practical application.

THE CHEST.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.

In this section Miss Rundle is showing many interesting things, including skiagrams and the photograph of a tuberculosis dispensary. There are also pictures of an infected home before coming under the care of the dispensary, and after, when the room is in nursing order and the patient in bed close to an open window.

An illustration of a home-made window-tent shows two sheets, 9 ft. by 4 ft., tacked to the window casing and fastened to screw eyes fixed in the floor. Another device is to make the head of the bed on which the patient is lying project through the window. This is protected by an awning, and the patient enjoys the advantage of out-door sleeping.

Various tuberculins are shown and their preparation explained.

A very practical exhibit is the model of a properly clothed infant in a cradle basket, for open-air sleeping, lent by Miss Barker (of St. Christopher's Nursery College, Tunbridge Wells). The basket has handles at each end and diagonally.

THE ABDOMEN.

THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

Over this section, charming in its daintiness and completeness, in connection with the nursing care of the digestive tract, hangs a banner representing that of the League, suspended by a crimson cord. The model operating table, with the patient clothed in a nun's veiling gown, opening down the back, beautifully knitted stockings, and a close fitting mackintosh cap, is excellently done; and all the details of the table are carried out to the letter. The diet sheets supplied in connection with various cases are beautifully done. The various trays with complete appointments for carrying out nursing duties such as the cleansing of the mouth, preparatory dressings, a test meal, &c., have received much admiration.

GYNÆCOLOGY.

THE NEW HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

The exhibit arranged by Miss Hale, Matron of the New Hospital for Women, is particularly charming. It includes a complete set of instruments for Wirthheim's operation for carcinoma of cervix, catgut, silk, and horsehair, and a paper bag for use with a Clover's ether inhaler. Specimens of gauze and wool swabs for use during operation, including mattress, for packing off intestine, also a tray ready for skin preparation. The model of a patient on ambulance ready for the theatre is most complete with chart, towel, and bowl.

A premature baby in cot is cosily clothed in gamgeefrom head to foot, the complete little suit fitting over hands and feet and a cap of similar material covers the head.

SPLINTS.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

Over the splints padded by St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses hangs a beautifully executed device, as in the case of the Royal Free Hospital, inscribed in the name of the League. The more one studies these splints, of every kind and form, the more one is impressed with the beauty of the workmanship, whether padded in washleather or linen they can only rightly be described by the word perfection.

LORD MAYOR TRELOAR'S HOSPITAL, ALTON.

The beautiful model of a spinal stand, the facsimile of those used at Alton, with a patient in

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