

THE TRADES' EXHIBITS.

We have already given an indication of the exhibits under this Section, and no one who visited the Hall could fail to be impressed both with the high quality of the exhibits shown, the attractive way in which they were presented, and the indispensability of them to nurses in their work.

HORLICK'S MALTED MILK, Slough, Bucks., is an ideal and pleasant food, well known to nurses—and many avail themselves of the opportunity to obtain this refreshing beverage.

MESSRS. DOWN BROS., 21 & 23, St. Thomas Street, London, are showing the most varied and up-to-date hospital furniture, presented with a skill of which they are past masters.

At the stand of MESSRS. SOUTHALL BROS. & BARCLAY, LTD., Lower Priory, Birmingham, with other specialities, a baby's folding seaside bath is specially attractive as a practical and useful appliance. The baby's basket and other necessities fit inside the bath, and the whole travels compactly in a wicker cover.

The Stand of MESSRS. SALT & SON, LTD., 5 and 6, Cherry Street, Birmingham, should be visited, and their admirable kidney and other belts and orthopaedic appliances, including supports for flat feet, carefully inspected.

MESSRS. NEWTON, CHAMBERS & Co., LTD., Thorncliffe, Sheffield, show their well-known Izal preparations, and in this connection it is interesting to learn that in some very poor cases of tuberculosis under the care of the Birmingham Health Visitors a solution of Izal is given by the City of Birmingham Aid Society for disinfection purposes.

MESSRS. W. H. BAILEY & SON, LTD., 38, Oxford Street, London, have a very fine display, including their new Midwife's Case, a most desirable stand for oxygen cylinders, an admirable improved hypodermic syringe, and other most useful and up-to-date appliances.

MESSRS. NESBIT, EVANS & Co., LTD., Floodgate Street, Birmingham, are showing a variety of bedsteads. One which can readily be made to move with perfect ease, on three castors, or be steadily fixed by the release of a catch.

MESSRS. CADBURY BROS., LTD., of Bournville, have a most attractive stand, where their refreshing cocoa may be enjoyed. Always delicious, it is enjoyed under the best conditions when, as now, made by experts.

MESSRS. KEEN, ROBINSON & Co., LTD., St. George's-in-the-East, London, are attractively presenting both Robinson's "Patent" Barley, so well known and appreciated by nurses.

EUCRYL, LTD., 61-63, Lant Street, London, S.E., has a very fine exhibit of its first-class dentifrice, with which every nurse should be acquainted.

MESSRS. JAMES SLATER & Co., LTD., of Wells Street, London, are showing a number of excellent sterilizers.

Other Exhibits will be noticed next week.

THE NURSING CONFERENCE.

When the Nursing Conference was opened on Wednesday morning, June 10th, by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Lieutenant-Colonel Martineau), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, the well-filled hall included, besides Matrons and Nurses from most of the Birmingham Hospitals, members and delegates of the National Council of Nurses from England, Scotland, and Ireland.

ADDRESS BY THE LORD MAYOR.

The Lord Mayor who was conducted to the platform by the President and Hon. President of the Conference, before welcoming the members, spoke in warm terms of Miss Musson, congratulating the National Council of Nurses on having obtained her valuable assistance as chief official of the local arrangements. Miss Musson was not content with organizing the little building up the street, she had taken over the charge of the local Territorial nursing arrangements, and he constantly met with her work in connection with the larger work of the town. She had also a lighter side, beside her great talent for organization, which meant attention to detail.

The Lord Mayor then said:—Having read the papers of last year, and looked at the programme this year, I think you are very right indeed in concentrating first of all on registration. Many things are required by your profession, but this comes first; for if you get it you will get the others, so you have done well to concentrate on this point. I trust you will be successful, and after your rather weary struggle your registration by the State will be very welcome when it comes. I feel you have made great progress, and sincerely hope you will soon obtain it.

I, with the other citizens of Birmingham, do most heartily welcome you to the city and hope you will carry away very pleasant recollections of your visit.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

MY LORD MAYOR,

I have the honour to tender you the sincere thanks of the Members of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, for your kindness in coming here this morning to open our Conference, and for the kind words you have spoken of myself personally.

Being very busy people ourselves, we greatly appreciate the fact that, in the midst of your very exacting work, you have made time personally to address your kind welcome to our Visitors.

You will see from our Programme, that our great desire is to increase the usefulness of the trained Nurse as a social factor. We are a large, but, as yet, unorganised profession, and we have many difficulties to contend with, before we obtain adequate training for, and proper recognition of, the work which we are privileged to do for the Public. In Birmingham we are taught that difficulties are made to be surmounted, and not to deter us from going "Forward," and your presence

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