

not for competition, but those acquainted with the work done in this connection at St. Bartholomew's will know that they were models of perfection to which few attain.

THE SMALL ROOMS.

The Exhibition Hall was admirably adapted for its purpose, for round it on three sides ran a corridor on to which a series of small rooms opened.

In Room A the collection of Bart's splints above-mentioned were on view, also a section organized by the Nurses' Missionary League, and an exhibit of beautiful work done by patients at Monyhull Epileptic Colony.

The Nurses' Missionary League Section was in charge of Miss M. R. Hawkins, Hon. Secretary of the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India. It included a model hospital, appliances used in foreign lands photographs and maps, literature, and much else of interest.

The work done by the Monyhull patients, where Miss Carse is Matron, was striking evidence of what can be accomplished by patience, perseverance and kindness in teaching an unpromising section of the community, and brightening their lives.

In Rooms C and D were extremely interesting exhibits of work done by fully-trained nurses as tuberculosis visitors under the City of Birmingham Public Health Department, and of the work of Health Visitors and Inspectors of Midwives.

In Room C is an open-air chalet, as approved by the Health Department of the city for home use. It may be had on hire. As shown, it is furnished with one of the bedsteads supplied by Messrs. J. & J. Taunton, as seen in the Exhibition. Very interesting were the forms, pamphlets and illustrated papers on view, and the "make-shifts" employed by the tuberculosis visitors. Penny mustard tins make excellent pocket-spittoons, and ordinary tissue paper cut into small squares makes effective handkerchiefs. An illustration of expectoration taken from Birmingham streets, showing the germs of tuberculosis, should be of educative value. The principal causes of death at various ages were strikingly illustrated, and methods of keeping records exhibited.

THE TRADES EXHIBITS.

As the work of the nurse in the practical application of the scientific treatment of the medical officer would be greatly crippled without the appliances and dressings supplied by the firms who have brought their production to a high standard of perfection, so a Nursing Exhibition would be most incomplete without illustrations of these essential aids.

We last week briefly noticed some of the principal exhibits in this Section, and propose to continue these notices, as it is impossible to do justice to the exhibitors in a single issue.

A WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION.

Of high repute are the firm of Messrs. Cuxson, Gerrard & Co., Ltd., Crown Buildings, Corporation Street, Birmingham, whose exhibit attracted much attention. Especially interesting was the hospital

aseptic furniture, made throughout at the works of the firm, on up-to-date lines. A combination washstand on castors fitted with a bowl, with outlet, bucket, ewer, soap dish, towel-rail, and finished in "Sanoid" non-chippable enamel, costs £6 6s. Though the price may seem high, it is real economy in the end, as, when chipped, enamelled furniture can no longer be regarded as aseptic. An attractive stand for two lotion bowls finished in vitreous enamel, cost £3, and many other exhibits were equally interesting. If those who desire to know of Messrs. Cuxson, Gerrard & Co.'s invalid furniture would pay a visit to their showrooms they will find that they hold a most comprehensive stock, probably the most comprehensive in the Midlands. They are also one of the premier firms in the world for surgical dressings, and supplied them to the Government during the whole of the Boer War, a feature being their "Sanoid" compressed dressings.

The "Zudor" jacket supplied in various sizes, is an effective substitute for the cotton wool jacket often made so laboriously by busy nurses.

A FIRST CLASS FIRM FOR BEDSTEADS.

The bedsteads exhibited by J. Nesbit Evans & Co., Floodgate Street, Birmingham, very deservedly elicited admiration.

Patents which should prove of the utmost value include the "Combined Medical and Surgical Bed" with head and knee rest, which can with ease be wound up or lowered as may be desired. Besides being adaptable for ordinary cases it would be invaluable where the Fowler position is required.

The "Easy Wheeling" bedstead cannot fail to prove a great boon. It is so designed that it can be wheeled away, or made rigid, by the nurse with the greatest ease, a great consideration now that so many patients are daily moved from wards on to balconies and verandahs.

A patent stand, by means of which a bedstead can be raised at either end to various angles, thus dispensing with wooden blocks is a most useful and practical appliance.

The "Nightingale" bed table is so constructed that by means of pivot castors, it can easily be moved. A small number are thus sufficient for a ward.

Many other valuable appliances which cannot be too highly praised are supplied by this enterprising firm.

CLOSE OF THE EXHIBITION.

In declaring the exhibition closed, Mr. Howard J. Collins, House Governor of the General Hospital, speaking from the platform on behalf of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League, cordially thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the exhibition. In cordial terms he referred to the trade exhibitors, who, together with their assistants had in a most kindly way, and with considerable skill, explained their scientific exhibits.

Mr. Collins's remarks were received with very hearty applause.

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