

to be clamped to the bedstead, when the straps can be attached to it. Unfortunately, the model shown at the exhibition had been carried out in wood to fit an ordinary Lawson Tait bed, when the lifter acted perfectly; but the bed supplied at the Hall was *not* a Lawson Tait, and so the invention did not appear to full advantage. On the same bed was shown a maternity pulley and pillows for keeping a patient in the proper position with a maximum of comfort.

Most interesting was the exhibit of the Birmingham School nurses in Room G, organised by Miss Drew and Miss M. Brett, showing the beautiful weaving and basket making done by mentally deficient children. A model of an open-air school, specimens of simple clothing in which the nurses would like to see school children dressed—warm knickers, kilted skirt, and knitted jersey. In contrast to these were specimens of clothing sewn on children and removed. Our illustration shows this collection, but cannot adequately convey an idea of the grime of these garments. That on the extreme right was a ragged bodice which a boy was wearing as a shirt. Then observe the stockings with ragged feet, and even without, the boots letting in the wet. On a card, too small to be seen clearly without a magnifying glass, are some of the implements used for fastening the children's clothes, all removed in the few days previous to exhibition. They include a piece of wire, a nail two inches long, which was the only fastening in one instance, a safety-pin three inches long, and other weird makeshifts. We were informed that, as in London, so in Birmingham, the clothes of the children are not infrequently sewn on. What that means our readers may judge.

Some excellent tongue depressors, which could be burnt after use, were fashioned out of slips of wood like gardeners' labels.

In the next room was the model of the operating theatre sent by the Queen Hospital, Birmingham, including an illustration of the technique of spinal anaesthesia, which we described in detail last week.

In this room were also the National Union of Trained Nurses' Exhibits, including wax models of rashes, models of infants' faeces, a patient's room before and after the advent of the district nurse, posters, dolls, a model baby, and model clothes for baby.

A collection of radiographs lent by Dr. Hall Edwards were of great interest.

THE TRADES EXHIBITS.

MESSRS. J. J. TAUNTON & Co., LTD., Sherbourne Road, Birmingham, showed a variety of admirable bedsteads, with Diagna Smoolink mattress. One fitted with sputum cup on swivelling bracket, and clothes tray, for tuberculosis cases, as selected by the Health Committee of the Birmingham Corporation, attracted special attention. A great advantage of the patent "Smoolink" is that it will not cut the bedding. The bedstead has 3-inch brass wheel pivot castors at the head, thus insuring perfect running, and rubber blocks at the foot so that it stands quite firmly when

stationary. Also a cot with specially high sides and self-locking action, primarily intended for mental cases, is much to be commended. A point to be remembered is that it cannot be operated from the inside.

The bedstead trolley, supplied by this firm, is a most useful, and in these days almost indispensable appliance. It can easily be attached to any bedstead, which can then readily be moved from the ward to a verandah, or elsewhere.

Every trained nurse and every housewife must surely have paused at the Stand of MESSRS. H. SYKES & Co., of 78, New Street, Birmingham, where was exhibited a most attractive display of labour-saving appliances, at most moderate prices. The self-wringing mops have only to be seen to be appreciated. Just the turn of a handle and every drop of water is squeezed out of the cloth, which does not need to be touched by hand; or the mop may be had combined with a scrubber, so that a floor can be scrubbed with boiling water and washing compounds, and then effectively dried with the mop, by a worker in an upright position.

The Hilker Ring Polish Mop for cleaning and polishing floors or linoleums in one operation is also a most popular appliance, and the "Doty" Vacuum Cleaner—simple and effective—a great favourite.

Amongst the many interesting exhibits of MESSRS. PHILIP HARRIS & Co., Pharmaceutical Specialists, Edmund Street, Birmingham, their Pine Dust Remover was specially to be noted. It is both antiseptic and aromatic, and the firm has specially introduced it for use in hospitals and surgeries. A small quantity spread in a thin line across the room, and swept evenly forward, prevents any dust from rising during sweeping operations. It is supplied both by the tin and the barrel. In their surgical section this firm were showing Pexuloid, a new splint material, of light and non-inflammable celluloid.

Mention must also be made of the Stand of the NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES, 20, Easy Row, Birmingham, where there was a steady sale of literature.

A notice of the Exhibition cannot be concluded without reference to its success from the point of view of the exhibitors, several stating that they had never attended a better-managed Exhibition, and all being well satisfied. It was a foregone conclusion that the organisation of the Conference would be a success, that was familiar ground; but to undertake the organisation of an Exhibition which attracted as exhibitors some of the foremost firms in the Kingdom, accustomed to attend the great exhibitions in this and other countries, was a purely business venture, which demanded some courage. Miss Musson and the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League are sincerely to be congratulated that it has been amply justified, and on the demonstration they have given that the nursing profession possesses business acumen, as well as practical ability.

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