

EXHIBITION OF
SANITARY APPLIANCES AT CORK.

THIS exhibition, which was open for four days of last week, during the gathering of the members of the British Medical Association, was held in the grounds of the Queen's College, the new palm houses being utilised for the purpose, with the addition of some shedding and a large marquee.

The exhibits, although not very numerous, still many of them had the charm of novelty. It was much to be regretted that the time allotted for the get-up of the show did not allow a catalogue to be prepared, and the visitors felt seriously the want of such a guide. This omission, we must say, the honorary secretaries are not responsible for, every effort on their part was made to get things in proper order for the display. The exhibitors had no reason to complain as to the space provided for them; their goods were so arranged in the new glass building that the smallest exhibit could be thoroughly examined by the visitor. We shall now proceed, as promised, to pass under review some of the principal items submitted.

The first in our note-book is "Patent Linoleum Muralis," the invention of Mr. F. Walton, Sunhury-on-Thames, exhibited by the agents, Messrs. Sibthorpe and Son, of this city. This new material for wall decoration possesses qualities which are most desirable in adding to the artistic effect of rooms. It is, we are told, more durable than wood, and, like it, will not cast or warp. It is impermeable to water, india-rubber entering largely into its composition. The material may either be left uncoloured, or tinted with soft colors chosen not to simulate any other product, but to give a perfect and classical impression of its own; it is flexible, and can be carried round curves and corners—a quality which marks its superiority over papier-mache and carton-pierre. An inspection of this indestructible wall decoration at the Dublin show rooms of the agents is recommended.

The stand of Messrs. Maguire and Son, of Dawson-street, attracted large numbers. Although generally well known, it may be advisable to repeat here that this firm have lately introduced a system of sanitary reform which has so far proved a success, and which we must afford space briefly to describe. It consists in a careful examination of any building so as to discover the exact condition of its sanitary arrangements, and a report to the owner, specifying the works necessary for the purpose of insuring immunity from dangerous sewer gas, and supplying an approximate estimate of cost. They had on view a peculiar trap, which appears to act well in excluding sewer gas, and at same time admitting fresh air. Another article exhibited was their "Improved Receiver and Disinfecter" for receiving the wastes of baths, basins, and sinks, and at same time separating them from the drain; it is well worthy a close examination. They also brought under notice their "Patent Extracting Cowsls"; models of closet arrangements; samples of improved soil pipes; their model closet, the perfection of simplicity; &c., &

Mr. Isaac Shone, C.E., had several coloured diagrams of his "Pneumatic Sewerage System," with pamphlet giving particulars as to the method proposed by him. We are not of opinion that it can be adopted generally in cities or towns.

We also had drawings of Mr. Alfred Fryer's methods of utilising the refuse of towns. They embrace three separate processes, and by their combination they "offer the most effectual and the most profitable means known for the disposal of refuse; every product is valuable—no nuisance is created—no stores are accumulated—no residue is left—the spread of infectious disease is prevented." We hope it will be tried in this city. .

Mr. John Dodd, of Liverpool, exhibited samples of his patent ventilated closet which, being valveless, and having no other mechanical appliance or arrangement, cannot get out of order. His "Duplex Stench Trap" appears a good one. The samples of artistic wall paper exhibited by Messrs. Wooliams and Co. London, attracted attention, and from their position could be closely examined. These papers are guaranteed to be entirely free from arsenic. The firm were awarded a silver medal, Paris, 1878.

The "Universal Invalid Bed," shown by Messrs. Pocock Brothers, of Southwark-bridge-road, London, is a valuable addition to the sick room. This invention consists of a series of separate and distinct cylinders any diameter, and suitable length, made of waterproof material, either for water or air as may be desired; these fit into a case, which keeps them side by side, but slightly apart, and in this way a bed or cushion can be made of any size. It thus forms a water or air bed, or it be a combination of both, for some of the tubes can be filled with water (hot or cold) whilst others may be filled with air. It possesses many advantages over other in, beds, and is cheap.

Messrs. Defries and Sons, London, had a large stand in the marquee, on which were well displayed samples of their Prize Medal Filters, at all prices. The Silicated Carbon Filter Company also had some samples their wares.

Messrs. Edmundson and Co., of Capel-street, showed the process of making gas for lighting country houses, villas, &c. The light produced by "The Atmospheric" Gas Machine (Wigham's Patent) is about equal in illuminating power to coal gas. Its quality was well tested in the admirable locale where the machine was placed, the machine itself occupying but a small space.

Amongst the local exhibitors were Messrs. Perry and Son, Patrick-street, who had a variety of stoves and grates; Thomson's Patent Sash Fastener; Cheavin's Ventilator, which received a Paris medal; Ewart's Ventilator; Moule's Earth Closets, Invalid Couches, &c., &c. Mr. G. W. Keller, of Old George's-street, had baths and pumps by Llewellyn and James, Bristol. On Mr. D. Sheehan's stand there were beautiful samples of Belleek pottery, which were much admired by the fair sex. There were some tiles, designed by the students of the Cork School of Art, exhibited, manufactured, we believe, by Messrs. Minton and Co. Messrs. M'Kenzie had pumps, washing machines, and ventilators.

There were many other exhibits, for notices of which we have not space,

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