

Christmas Presents.

JUST now the minds of busy nurses are concerned with the thought that there are many absent friends, as well as hospital "chums," for whom they wish to find some tangible token of their good will at this season. With the object of simplifying the search, we recently inspected the Christmas trifles now being shown by some of the leading firms, and at one or other of these we think our readers will find all they require.

At Messrs. DEBENHAM AND FREEBODY'S,
Wigmore Street.

Those who went their way to the establishment of this well known firm, will find trays of dainty trinkets from which to make their choice. Buckles in paste, silver, French enamel, and gun metal, are most attractive; especially may be mentioned those in turquoise blue, and red enamel, from 2s. 6d., which are in excellent taste. A hanging pocket-book, in an oxydised silver case, the leaves being perforated, and easily detachable, at 3s. 6d., is worthy of attention. Some imitation fruits, walnuts and apples, in the same metal, should be noticed. When opened, they are found to contain a selection of pins, a wee bottle of scent, and a mirror and powder puff on the same Liliputian scale.

Those whose purses are well stocked will not readily find a more charming present than the fitted travelling bag shown by this firm at £6 5s. od., and another at £6 16s. od. The bottles are mounted with sterling silver, and the other fittings with ivory, and the possession of this bag could not fail to be a joy to anyone, more especially, perhaps, to a private nurse. Space fails us to do more than mention the dainty gloves, hosiery, and handkerchiefs, and satin embroidered handbags to be obtained here, but they can be most cordially recommended.

At Messrs. D. H. EVANS, 292, Oxford Street.

A visit to Messrs. D. H. Evans should not be neglected, and country cousins should without fail send for their illustrated catalogue, from which a selection may easily be made. Nurses should not forget that the Irish linen uniform aprons supplied by this firm are of excellent value, and they should also ask to see their india-rubber hot-water bottles at 4s. 11d., which form a welcome gift at this season. Nor must we omit to mention the cosy Japanese quilted silk gowns, with white collar and cuffs, at 49s. 6d., the warmest and most comfortable dressing gowns imaginable, and a zephyr overall, in either pink, blue, red, or Holland, at 3s 3½d., would be a boon to many a busy housewife, while it is an ideal garment for an artist. Of more ornamental

gifts, the goodly array of cushions must be mentioned, ranging from 2s. 6d. for a small oblong cushion, covered in silk tapestry, with frill, and the full-sized square cushion at 3s. 11d., to almost any price. Then there are purses, which are invariably acceptable gifts, from 1s. to 14s. 6d., and dainty bags from 2s. 6d. each. Desirable red or blue collar boxes may be obtained for 1s. 9½d., and the narrow black velvet ties, with gold and silver ends, which are just now so popular, are to be obtained from 1s. 0½d. Lastly, we must mention that the toy department is a veritable children's paradise.

At Messrs. GARROULD'S, Edgware Road.

This establishment has devoted considerable attention to the requirements of nurses, with the result that its well arranged nursing section is always attractive and very popular. Nurses, however, should not at this season omit to visit other departments. We saw here recently some wonderfully inexpensive framed pictures, some of the landscapes being most artistic. They cost only 3s. 11d., and (Matrons please note) they would be a welcome addition to any nurses' sitting-room. In the art needlework department a speciality is made of the new ribbon work, and very effective are the handkerchief-sachets, cosies, and table centres, made in this style. There is also a large selection of umbrellas, which form a welcome gift, from 4s. 11d. to 35s. At the former price one with a fluted handle surmounted by a china ball, is wonderfully effective, while those with the new porcupine quill handles cost the sum of £1 1s. Some smart glace silk ties, in pretty shades of pink and blue, stitched and tucked, cost 1s. 6½d. each, and a fascinating oblong wrap for the head, at 4s. 11d., in soft white tucked silk, is a most acceptable gift. We specially noticed some white spun silk stockings at 2s. 11d., which would be appreciated by nurses working in tropical hospitals, while embroidered stockings are obtainable from 1s. 0½d.

At Messrs. GOOCH, 67, Brompton Road.

We recently drew attention to the excellencies of the shoes supplied by Messrs. Gooch, and nurses and nurses' friends would do well at this season to inspect the dainty and varied selection of boots and shoes exhibited by this firm. We are quite sure that every one who takes our advice, will thank us for having given it. It would not be easy to make anyone a more acceptable present than a pair of the smart and serviceable Samaritan Ward Shoes, kept in stock, or made to measure, at 12s. 9d., while for evening wear the choice is almost endless, and anyone who acquires shoes made by Messrs. Gooch, may be happy in the knowledge that she is well, and daintily shod at a very moderate cost.

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