

which is to be found in the nursing press of the day.

So far as Mrs. Fenwick's work for the Association is concerned indeed, Mrs. Tooley appears to scatter it with a lavish hand upon a number of persons, with a generosity characteristic of the bestowal of other people's goods.

It is sufficient for my purpose to quote the words of the late Sir William Savory, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, who occupied the chair at the Dinner to celebrate the grant of a Royal Charter to the British Nurses' Association in 1893, and I do so from the *Nurses' Journal*, the official organ of the Association. Proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Association," he said, "I am sure you will all agree with me that I choose well and wisely when I couple with it the name of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick . . . the history of the Association is really the record of her work. Every page of it bears the impress of her spirit, her energy, her ability, and her wisdom. I ask you then, as I have no doubt you will, to drink most heartily to this toast of 'Success to the Association' and to offer to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick our congratulations upon her success."

I think those memorable words are sufficient refutation of Mrs. Tooley's attempt to mislead the public as to the foundation and rise of the British Nurses' Association.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

The work of the Matrons' Council, is airily disposed of in about three lines, notwithstanding the fact that it has for the last twelve years entirely guided nursing organisation in this country. The splendid and unflinching stand which it has made for State registration, and the inauguration and foundation of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, by means of which British Nurses are brought into international affiliation, and its other activities of national importance are ignored. The splendid work of Miss Isla Stewart, its President, is also purposely ignored.

A PROFESSIONAL HISTORY OF NURSING.

The Nursing World has been gratified to learn that a professional History of Nursing is being compiled by Miss M. A. Nutting, a British woman by birth, whose career in the United States as Superintendent of the great school of nurses at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, has been so distinguished, and by Miss L. L. Dock a truly typical and most brilliant American woman who has studied nursing in all its phases both practical and sociological. The publication of Mrs. Tooley's volume of amazing inaccuracies makes truth a necessity, and the great theme of the organisation of nursing in Great Britain and elsewhere can be safely left in the hands of these two experienced and able women. M. B.

The Police Court Mission have appointed Mrs. Carey to assist Mr. R. Marshall in his work as police-court missionary at the Willesden Petty Sessions, which includes the police courts of Acton and Chiswick. This is valuable work requiring special gifts.

The Christmas Bazaars.

MESSRS. DEBENHAM & FREEBODY,
WIGMORE STREET, W.

Messrs. Debenham & Freebody are offering a most bewildering profusion of dainty trifles which would form highly appreciated gifts. Handkerchiefs at all prices, some being put up in attractive little hampers, gloves in boxes holding half a dozen pairs, work bags, belts, and a charming little purse bag at 2s. 11½d., hat pins, neck wear and trinkets all invite inspection. In the blouse department any of the many models would form acceptable gifts. There is a well-cut shirt in velveteen in all colours at 10s. 6d., while a blouse in the same material with lace inset at the neck costs only 18s. 6d.

MESSRS. GARROULD'S, 150, EDGWARE ROAD.

At Messrs. Garrould's the Nurses Saloon has been transformed into a Christmas bazaar where everything that can delight the heart of childhood, and useful gifts for adults, are on view. There are mechanical railways, with points, so that the train can be turned in different directions, at the astonishingly low price of 3s. 11½d. Delightful dolls, Noah's Arks, a clockwork fire-engine, and a toy sewing machine. There is a keyless watch, guaranteed for two years, at 4s. 6d.; and another in a handsome silver-mounted case is obtainable at 12s. 6d. Children who visit this bazaar must surely wish that Christmastide lasted all the year round.

MESSRS. THOMAS WALLIS AND CO., LTD.,
HOLBORN CIRCUS.

At Holborn Circus, at the establishment of Messrs. Thomas Wallis, there are amazing bargains to be had. Some of the very prettiest crackers are to be found here, postcard albums at fabulous prices, writing and dressing cases, china electro-plated ware, and toys, toys, everywhere toys. It is veritable fairyland. French dolls, dressed, at 1s. each, gollywogs for children who love ugliness, gramophones, kodaks ready packed in a hamper for the elder boys and girls. Those who cannot find something here must be difficult indeed to please.

THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER.

What shall we put into the Christmas hamper? Turkey and plum pudding of necessity, but do not forget to tuck away in odd corners a bottle of Oxo, a most useful basis for gravies, a packet of Fry's cocoa, a box of Cadbury's delicious bon-bons, a pot of Lemco, an excellent pick-me-up, and a tin of red, white and blue coffee of excellent flavour. Such a hamper is sure to be appreciated.

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