

Our Foreign Letter.

FROM NEW YORK.



New York is higher up in the air, more crowded, more hideous, more astounding in its mad rush, more bewildering in its electric forces of all kinds, both bad and good, than ever before. Since my return I have been breathless trying to adjust myself, it is always such a violent shock when one returns from the more tranquil air of the Old World.

I have not yet had time to assimilate much of what is going on, but must give you a few bits of news that are encouraging.

First, Miss Nutting is established in her professional chair full of energy, enthusiasm, and purpose, and what do you think? St. Luke's Hospital, which, you know, stands right beside Columbia University, is considering the opening of its departments to the students of the Hospital Economics class for practical experience in administration, management, hospital housekeeping, etc. Is not that fine? When the course was first started, nine years ago, Mrs. Robb turned longing eyes on that hospital, and now it seems as if her dream would come true. Miss Nutting is bending all her energies toward making a definite arrangement, and I venture to predict her ultimate success.

At Bellevue and the Allied Hospitals, Miss Goodrich has a satisfactory post graduate course in running order. Graduates are taken for a month's probation, just as if they were fresh probationers. If then they are satisfactory, they remain for a variable length of time, which is, at least, not less than nine months. During this time they receive an allowance of \$25 (£5) a month. The results are most encouraging. These nurses supplement a previous training which may have been given in small or limited hospitals, the pressure on the supply of new probationers is relieved, and the general average of training is improved.

At the Settlement, too, things are growing in every direction. Both the nursing and the social work grow steadily. In the latter line, the newest addition is an excellently fitted up reference library and study for public school children of the upper grades, with a college graduate in charge who assists them in looking up the subjects which they need to study in connection with their lessons. It is the greatest success imaginable. Of the many industrial problems in which the Settlement is interested the most encouraging thing that has happened recently is the appointment of a medical man by the Department of Factory Inspection, who is to apply the entering wedge for a hoped-for protection of children who

work, and who are of inferior physique. He will begin by examining children under sixteen in two or three selected trades, and it is earnestly hoped that a scientific basis for prohibiting the labour of undeveloped children and young people may by this movement be attained. I can assure you that this country needs the reinforcement of every agency it can muster to save the children from the maw of our soulless and stupid capitalists and employers. I say "stupid," for what is more senseless than to destroy children? Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson is to speak here in a "Militant Suffrage Meeting" to be organised by Mrs. Blatch, the daughter of Mrs. Stanton. I trust it may do great good and stir up some of the blind and deaf among our women.

L. L. DOOK.

Pretty Presents for Christmas.

AT MESSRS. GARROULD'S.

The Christmas bazaars are pre-eminently the children's paradise, but they also have fascinations for those who have long since left childish days behind. The spacious nursing saloon at Messrs. Garrould's, in Edgware Road, has been converted into a fairyland of delight, and everyone who needs presents for young or old should not fail to pay it a visit. A most desirable possession for a child is the "Teddy Bear," made of soft plush. It is soft, indestructible, and jointed, can be placed in any position, and is made in all sizes, costing from 2s. 6d. to 10s. 11d. Then there are "Pet's Stores," which would delight any child. We are "a nation of shopkeepers," and few things make a child happier than to be able to buy and sell. "Pet's Stores" comprise a handsome pair of scales, bags for the goods sold, bill-heads and pencil, imitation money, and miniature packages of real tea, biscuits, Cadbury's Cocoa and Chocolate, Mellin's Food, Grape Nuts, table jelly, butter-scotch, and other saleable commodities. The stores would keep a child happy for hours.

Well-stocked Santa Claus stockings are always a delight, and at Messrs. Garrould's the 1s. size is obtainable for 9d. and the 2s. size for 1s. 8d.

For the older folk the electric piano, which plays the most inspiring dance and other music if a penny is put into the slot, is most attractive. It should be noted also that from the 16th to the 21st of this month free samples of John Gosnell's Society Cologne is being given away at the perfumery counter. Christmas gifts at most moderate prices are displayed in tempting profusion. It is impossible to mention all. They should be seen.

AT MESSRS. THOMAS WALLIS & Co.

The Christmas Bazaar of Messrs. Wallis, at Holborn Circus, is always one of the most attractive. This year it is larger and more fascinating than ever. For one thing its festive character is emphasised by the excellent music supplied by members of Wallis's Viennese Band, a band whose services can be obtained by the public.

At the silver counter Messrs. Wallis are making a specialty of silver and plated goods from 30 to 40

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