

per cent. below the usual prices, and there are some entrée dishes which are wonderfully cheap at 16s. 11d.

The dolls are specially excellent, and there is a very reasonable fairy costing only 2s. 11d. A doll's cradle on rockers, and lined, at 1s. 6½d, would give pleasure to any child. Nurses who wish for miniature bedsteads, which are sometimes difficult to find for exhibitions, should note here an admirable brass one for 12s. 11d. with chain mattress. There are boxes of 12 toys for 10½d., just the thing for Christmas trees, of marvellous value, and the boxes of soldiers from 9½d. upward are specially excellent. Book lovers should note a set of solid oak bookshelves at 3s. 11d., a price which can hardly be beaten or, indeed, equalled.

AT MESSRS. DEBENHAM & FREEBODY'S.

At Messrs. Debenham and Freebody's spacious new premises in Wigmore Street, W., there is every facility for seeing the many tempting articles offered at this season under the best conditions. In the fine, flower-decked entrance hall there are also most attractive pots and vases which would make most seasonable Christmas gifts. Gloves are presents which are always acceptable, and nowhere are they to be found of greater excellence than at Debenham and Freebody's. At this season they are supplying fancy boxes containing six pairs from 11s. 6d. to 27s. 6d. the half dozen, while those of gazelle skin may be had at 4s. 6d. a pair, and reindeer gloves from 5s. 9d. a pair.

A well-fitting golf coat is a most welcome gift, and a Norfolk coat at 18s. 11d., in heather mixture, strapped, and with dainty buttons, would be a joy to the recipient. Other useful gifts are stockings, ribbed and plain, at 7s. 6d. and 11s. 6d. the half-dozen.

Of desirable belts there is an abundant selection from 3s. 11d. upwards, and pretty hat-pins range from 1s. 6d. For nurses the travelling pockets to be worn under the dress, and having a compartment for the purse, would be useful, and the little flower pin-cushions and cotton boxes at 1s., 1s. 6d., and 1s. 11d. are very novel and dainty.

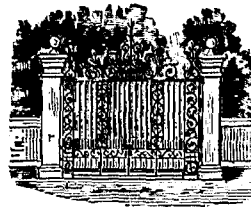
On Tuesday, Princess Christian visited the Galleries of this firm to open an exhibition of embroideries. Mme. Pacard, who is in charge of this department—having given up her own business to undertake it—applies to the beautiful gowns which she designs embroideries produced at the Royal School of Art Needlework, her object being to show that it is unnecessary to send to Paris for work which can be equally well done in London. Messrs. Debenham and Freebody have been appointed sole agents for the School.

AT MESSRS. WELLS AND CO.

A welcome gift to many nurses from a relative would be one of the well-cut cloaks which Messrs. Wells and Co., of 68, Aldersgate Street, E.C., supply at such reasonable prices. As the premises of this firm are situated in the heart of the city they are very easy of access to nurses in hospitals and institutions in the East of London. Cloaks made to measure can be supplied twenty-four hours after the order is given.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The Fourth Annual Dinner of the Society of Women Journalists, held in the Picture Galleries at Prince's Restaurant, London, on Saturday evening last, was a very bright affair. Mrs. Humphry Ward, the new President, was in the chair, supported at the High Table, amongst others, by His Excellency the Italian Ambassador, Mr. J. S. Wood, the founder of the Society, Mrs. Burnett Smith, retiring President, Sir John Heron Maxwell, Mr. W. L. Courtney, Mrs. Alec. Tweedie, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mr. J. B. Atkins, Mr. J. T. Grein, Mr. Leslie Ward, Mrs. Heron Maxwell, Mr. Alexander Kenealy, and the popular Chairman of Council, Mrs. H. T. Bulstrode. The round tables at which the 200 guests were grouped were beautifully decorated and the menu well chosen.

In speaking to the toast of "Our Guests," Mrs. Humphry Ward was very brilliant, and her opening words expressed the pleasure and gratification of women at the King's gracious action in recognising the genius of Miss Florence Nightingale, and in bestowing upon her the Order of Merit, and she offered the society's congratulations in happy phrase to the Queen of Nurses.

The event of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. H. T. Bulstrode, the retiring Hon. Secretary, from her fellow members, of an address, a beautiful diamond ring, and a gold bangle, a pleasing duty most eloquently performed by Mr. J. S. Wood. Mrs. Bulstrode expressed her thanks very prettily and wittily, and looked charming gowned in shimmering pale blue, with roses of golden tissue tucked in her coiffure of curls.

The Society of Women Journalists has made great strides in popular favour of late years, and all agreed that it is doing excellent work and that it has come to stay.

Mr. Gladstone, the Home Secretary, recently received a deputation of nine barmaids, introduced by Miss Eva Gore-Booth, of the Barmaids' Political Defence League, who, on their behalf, summarised the reasons why the barmaids should not be robbed of their calling, as was, she said, threatened in next year's Licensing Bill. She referred to the present overcrowding of women workers in the unskilled trades, and forcibly urged that the worst temptation to immorality which any woman could have was the fear of starvation. Mr. Gladstone, in reply, said for the Government that they had no intention of putting an end to the occupation of women on licensed premises.

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