

pins and tapes; the clothes from cast linen, flannel, and domette bandages; and the rest is of cambrola, jaconet, splint wool, and blanket threads, an infinitesimal amount of each. To see such a bit of work would greatly amuse a sick child.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

Miss Annie King.—Four dolls, three of black and red silk (a mummy and two piccaninnies), and a charming little lady in pink sateen.

Miss E. Dymes.—Dressed doll, a bed made of a cardboard box, beautifully trimmed, and with tiny nightgown case, containing a wee "nightie" of lawn, lace, and ribbon.

Miss Grace Massey.—Doll, Red Riding Hood.

Miss I. J. Grant.—Ditto.

Miss Ruth Jackson.—A penwiper black wool dollie, with fine pigtail, and a wool ball.

Miss E. C. Evans.—Fine wool ball.

Miss E. M. Walker.—Silvered walnut cradle, with wee doll inside. Cost, 2½d.

Miss T. Foster.—Strawberry pincushion.

Miss V. Taylor.—Kitchen dresser for dolls-house.

Mrs. A. B. Sturges.—Four wool balls.

Miss A. Potter.—Black bear.

From "Nowhere," not for competition because he cost 8½d., came "Woollie Willie," a sweet little fellow dressed in knitted wool. He says: "I'm afraid I cost 8½d.; sports coats are so expensive. But please could you find someone to be a mother to me? I want one dreadfully." This will be an easy task.

Next week we shall report what has been done with the toys.

THE COMING CHRISTMAS.

The usual stir and anticipation for a Happy Christmas is perceptible throughout the hospitals and charitable institutions in town and country. Gifts are being gathered together; wards are being beautified, and the children longing for the morning when they may peep into those capacious stockings. Nowhere throughout the land is Christmas spent in more festive fashion than in the hospitals and infirmaries—nor more kindness expended in commemoration of the festival.

KING EDWARD NURSES.

The King has intimated to the Governor-General of United South Africa his approval of the title "King Edward Nurses" for the Order recently established in memory of the late King. The King has also consented to become a patron, and Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra to become patronesses.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK.

The Dinner to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick at the Hotel Cecil on Saturday last, designed by her friends to commemorate her twenty-five years of public service, was, as it was intended to be, a very delightful and friendly affair.

Mrs. Fenwick was received on her arrival by Mrs. Walter Spencer, genial and gracious, Chairman of the Dinner, Miss Heather-Bigg, President of the Matrons' Council, Miss Cox-Davies, President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, and Miss B. Cutler presented a fragrant bouquet of pink carnations, frezia, and lilies of the valley.

Amongst the nursing organisations represented were the Matrons' Council by the President, Miss M. Heather-Bigg; the International Council of Nurses by the Treasurer, Miss M. Breay; the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland by the Hon. Secretary, Miss B. Cutler. The following affiliated leagues and societies were also represented:—The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses by Miss Cox-Davies, president; the League of St. John's House Nurses by Miss Frisby and Miss Brayshay; the Registered Nurses' Society by Miss S. Cartwright, Sister-in-Charge, and a number of past and present members; the School Nurses' League by Miss H. L. Pearse, President; the Hendon Branch of the Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League by Miss Elma Smith, President; the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League by Miss G. A. Rogers, President; the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League by Miss E. M. Musson, President; and the Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League by Miss A. Smith, President.

Miss Morgan, Miss Bryson, Miss Bann and Miss Ross, Matrons under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, were present; Miss A. C. Gibson and Miss Constance Todd, past and present Poor Law Matrons; and Miss Lord, Matron of Banstead Asylum; Miss Macintyre came from Wigan, Miss Jolley from Liverpool, Miss Barclay and Miss Melville, State Registered Nurses in New Zealand, were there; Mrs. Maxwell St. John, wearing the Royal Red Cross, Miss Warriner, the Greek Red Cross, Miss Rowell, the South African War medals, Mlle. Danviray, specially delegated by the Nursing School of the Assistance Publique at Paris, Mlles. Reynes, Pouguet, Avinain and Lance, pupils of the School, and many ladies of note in the nursing world, covers being laid for ninety.

Unfortunately, Miss Haughton, Matron of Guy's Hospital, was unable to be present owing to her absence from town, a sudden bereavement prevented Miss Barton, President of the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League from attending, and Miss Villiers and Miss Carson-Rae were also prevented from attending at the last moment. Most cordial letters were sent by many unable to be present.

Dinner was served in the Victoria Hall, while Professor C. Candia's orchestra provided a musical programme, which was thoroughly appreciated,

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