

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT.

With the gracious permission of Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., we are able to reproduce a portrait of the Princess in the robes she wore at the Coronation. It will, we know, give great pleasure to Members of the Association to have this beautiful and historic picture of the President.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

We offer to all our Members our good wishes that the New Year may hold for them many happy days, bringing health, prosperity and opportunity. The year that has gone has been an eventful one in many respects, and the new one opens with a promise that there is to be no lack of responsibility for us to be active and alert if the good ship of the Nursing Profession is to steer its course successfully through what may be somewhat stormy waters. Problems of every kind are appearing to meet those interested in organisation, and we hope that the nurses generally will be active and helpful in bringing them to a solution, for these problems concern not ourselves alone but the well being of the sick

INVITATION.

Miss Swaby-Smith will be "At Home" at 194, Queen's Gate, from 4 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, February 1st, and she asks us to convey to all Members and friends an invitation to be present. We have no doubt that many will come, for Miss Swaby-Smith's "parties" are always very happy affairs. She is the personification of a charming and kindly hostess, concerned that each and all of her guests shall have a happy time and enjoy all the good things she has provided.

RECENT EVENTS.

The "Birthday Party" was held this year on December 6th, instead of on the usual date, for we were all looking forward to attending Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's Reception on the seventh. There was the usual large and friendly anniversary gathering, and the Sale of Work for the "House Beautiful" Fund realised over £70; we shall soon have the pleasant duty of deciding how this

shall be used to beautify our headquarters. Probably, it will go towards re-decorating the drawing-rooms. On December 25th we observed all the traditions now connected with Christmas at the Club, which make us look forward to it each year as to a kind of large family gathering where old and young forget their several interests and make merry together. We have to thank many Members and friends for kind and generous gifts of flowers and other things, sent to add to the beauty of the nurses' Christmas or the splendour of the "horse shoe" dinner table. New Year's morning found the usual merry crowd

in the drawing-room when Big Ben had rung out the passing of the Old Year, and we welcomed the New in orthodox fashion and, as usual, set the blame on those "from over the Border" that we did not show greater austerity and decorum on an occasion so solemn.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

We have once again to offer our thanks to all those who so willingly and diligently helped us in our efforts to make Christmas a season of happiness instead of (as it might have been in many cases), one of loneliness for those of our colleagues who are aged or suffering from ill-health and who would find it difficult to allow themselves the seasonable extravagances which once they enjoyed. As a result of the help given to us in selling copies of our new calendar, we were able to send cheques to well over 180 sick and aged nurses, and many have been the letters of appreciation received telling us of how each and all of them were taking part in our somewhat scattered hospitality. Unfortunately we cannot quote from these, but the note struck in all is the happiness and comfort that it gives to "our guests" to feel that their Christmas cheer is

a gift from their colleagues.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FRIENDLY SYMPATHY.

The Secretary would offer her sincere thanks for the many kind enquiries and the beautiful flowers and fruit that have reached her while she was suffering from the results of a street accident.

194, Queen's Gate,
London, S.W.7.

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT, R.R.C., S.R.N., DUCHESS OF FIFE, PRESIDENT, THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

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