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**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.**

**C**HRISTMAS is close at hand, and the precursor of this happy season is the atmosphere of bustle and mystery in the home, of bright and tempting shops abroad, which is largely associated in our minds with the month of December. The dressing of shop windows has now become a fine art, at any rate in London, and many delightful hours are spent, not only by the children, to whom at this season the toy shops are veritable fairy palaces, but by their elders who are still susceptible to the charms of the dainty trifles which are offered for their inspection in such profusion.

In the editorial office of the NURSING RECORD, Christmas is full upon us, for we realise that unless our good wishes—and Christmas is pre-eminently the season of good-will—are expressed betimes, they will not reach many of our readers until the festive season is long past and gone, for the RECORD finds its way to all parts of the civilised world, to North-west America, China, to far off Chili and Brazil, India, North and South Africa, besides hurrying across the Atlantic to our

colleagues in the United States and Canada, to whom some of us this year will wish to send an especially hearty greeting in return for the recent cordial hospitality, which is and ever will be fresh in our memories.

Whether, therefore, they dwell in the northern regions where a typical Christmas of snow and ice, skating and tobogganing, holly and mistletoe, hails its arrival, or in tropical countries where, under a fierce sun and a brilliant blue sky, feathery palms and handsome mango trees, gorgeous flowers and luscious fruits combine to present a picture totally foreign to our ideas of Christmas as they quiver in the blazing sunlight, the RECORD conveys to all our readers our hearty Christmas Greetings. We know that wherever British nurses are to be found in all parts of the world kindly thoughts will be turned towards the old country on Christmas day, and the time-honoured plum pudding, with the carefully-preserved sprig of holly, will find place on many a Christmas board, for thoughtful friends at home, knowing how much these national institutions are prized, despatched both weeks ago in carefully soldered tins.

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