

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Queen, who has demonstrated on many occasions her interest in the work of nurses, and is Patron of various Nursing Organisations, including the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, is held in affectionate regard by members of the Nursing Profession throughout Great Britain. On their behalf, we desire to express to Her Majesty their respectful greetings at this season, and their sincere wishes that this Christmas may be for her a joyful one, and the New Year have much happiness in store for her.

Our readers will agree that our picture is a charming one, and that the Queen appears as if the cares and anxieties which weighed so heavily upon her at this season last year are of the past, and that radiant and smiling, Her Majesty faces the future.

Before another BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is published, the New Year will, for better for worse, be well on its way, and this issue takes with it to our many readers, near and far, our good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We thank them one and all for their interest and support, and feel proud that, through the JOURNAL, we keep in close touch, month by month, with members of the Nursing Profession in some fifty countries whose friendship we cordially appreciate and value.

On Wednesday, November 20th, 1929, the Matron-in-Chief and Members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service gave an "At Home" at the Edward VII Rooms, Hotel Victoria, London. The guests were received, and given a very cordial welcome, by Miss Osborne, the Matron-in-Chief, and Miss Phillips. It was a very cheery party, and all seemed to be enjoying themselves, meeting friends and renewing acquaintances made many years before, over a most enjoyable cup of tea and cakes. The whole atmosphere was pleasant and agreeable; this was made much more so by the excellent music played by the band of St. Dunstan's. The bright capes of the Army Sisters' uniform lent a very pleasing dash of colour among the large crowd of visitors. Many noticeable people were present, including Lady Airlie, Dame Ethel Becher, Dame Maud McCarthy, Dame Ann Beadsmore-Smith,

Dame Elizabeth Oram, Miss Hodgins, Miss Cruickshank, Miss Mary Davies, Miss Lloyd-Still, Miss Darbyshire, Miss Dey, Miss Copeman, Miss Ailsop, Miss Allbutt, Miss Riddell, Miss Bulman, Miss Cockrell, and very many others.

We are informed by the Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., that vacancies for temporary duty in Military Hospitals at Home occur from time to time for periods of not less than six months with the same rates of pay and allowances as for the regular Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Members who are temporarily disengaged and desirous of availing themselves of this valuable experience, are invited to apply as occasion arises to the Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., The War Office, London, S.W.1, stating the date on which they would be free to join, when further particulars would be furnished.

In reminding enrolled members of the Permanent Reserve that their annual report forms should be completed and forwarded to the War Office as early as possible in the New Year, the Matron-in-Chief would like to express her appreciation and thanks for the promptness with which their last forms were sent in.

The Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., sends all members best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
Anticipates a Happy New Year.

In London there has been a great scarcity of work for Co-operation Private Nurses during the past month. Many factors conduce to this for which some remedy must be found. One — long holidays in the summer, when work is always plentiful; exodus of well-to-do patients in autumn and early winter. No recognised

minimum fee, and competition with Private Nurses' institutions in connection with voluntary hospitals, who, in several instances, undercharge the recognised £4 4s. fee.

This unfair competition is having the serious effect of inducing many of our best trained Private Nurses to emigrate to the United States, where they appear to have no difficulty of entry, or in remaining indefinitely, earning high fees. This is a very serious loss to sick people at home, as our nurses are second to none in skill and kindness.

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