

NURSING ECHOES.

Every New Year it is our pleasure to express our gratitude to friends, who from far and near have sent us good wishes for Christmas and the coming year, already with us. Our beautiful cards came from the farthest North of Canada, Southern America and the U.S.A. From New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, and many countries on the Continent of Europe. The card reproduced on page 15 came with "Holiday greetings and best wishes from the Staff at International Headquarters" at Geneva, and shows us the proposed League of Nations building, which is really a triumph of exquisite architecture, worthy of the

general and special, were delightful and throughout the country the same joyful celebrations took place.

To give only two instances, one in town and one in country.

The Nurses' Tea Party at the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases held on the last Wednesday of the old year was a very charming affair. The Matron, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., presided. After a delicious tea the Nurses and their friends entertained the patients and visitors with a varied programme in which two of the Nurses, Miss Garnier and Miss Jennings, provoked real merriment and thrills in their rendering of a sketch, "The Crystal Gazer," and on observing the patients' delight one felt that here surely was the triumph of mind over matter!



A NURSE DISTRIBUTING TOYS SENT TO THE INFANTS' HOSPITAL, VINCENT SQUARE, S.W.,
BY H.R.H. PRINCESS MARY, COUNTESS OF HAREWOOD.

great cause for which it will stand—the Reasoning Faculty of Man.

We have to thank many kind friends for invitations to their Christmas Festivities, few of which we were to our sorrow, able to accept, for a hospital ward at Christmas is the cheeriest place in the world, and it is a privilege to share in the fun and frolic as well as in the more serious and sacred part of the arrangements.

The time honoured custom of carol singing in the wards of St. Thomas's Hospital, initiated by no less a personage than Miss Nightingale herself, the open handed hospitality dispensed by the Ward Sisters at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the entertainments in all the London Hospitals voluntary and municipal, large and small,

At the Croydon General Hospital on Christmas Day, members of the Honorary Medical Staff and the Board of Management appeared in the wards, causing much amusement by their appearance as chefs, sheiks, etc., to carve the dinner.

On Boxing Day every patient was able to have two friends to tea, and the Nursing Staff gave an entertaining concert in all the wards. The unloading of the Christmas tree by Lady Edridge and Santa Claus, caused much fun and excitement, which the visitors seemed to enjoy as much as did the children.

Lady Edridge distributed the prizes for 1930, which were won by the following Nurses:

- 3rd year Nurses,
Nurse Rosalind Moosa.
- 2nd year Nurses ... Nurse Florence Birkbeck.
- 1st year Nurses ... Nurse Isa Pollock.

The Queen's Institute of District Nursing reports that the amount collected this year in connection with the National Gardens Scheme was £10,119 16s. 8d. Last year the sum raised was £7,765. Of the total raised this year the King sent £780 13s. 9d. from the opening of the gardens at Sandringham. There were 901 gardens open between the months of April and October, and some were open on more than one occasion, the total openings having been 1,324. We are glad that flowers have contributed so substantial an amount to the maintenance of Nurses for the sick poor.

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