

NURSING ECHOES.

THE NEW YEAR HONOURS.

The King has been graciously pleased to declare that His Majesty's daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary (Countess of Harewood) shall henceforth bear the style and title of Princess Royal.

This distinctive title has been used intermittently since the time of the Stuarts in England. Queen Victoria lost no time in declaring her first-born child to be Princess Royal in 1841. This "most dear daughter" became the Empress Frederick of Germany. On her death King Edward VII granted the title to his eldest daughter, Princess Louise, Duchess of Fife, who died in January, 1931.

The new Princess Royal will grace the title well, and we respectfully wish her a long and happy tenure of this most honourable style and title.

A very long list of titles have this New Year been bestowed on men, many of whom are little known to the general public. Amongst the women whose work has been recognised we may mention the following Nurses who are included in the Order of the British Empire:—

Miss Annie McWillie Peterkin, Superintendent of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, has been made Commander of the Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.) Civil Division. This recognition will be universally acclaimed by her professional colleagues, as Miss Peterkin, S.R.N., has held her responsible office for many years and has extended the standard and usefulness of District Nursing throughout the Kingdom. We offer warm congratulations.

M.B.E. (CIVIL DIVISION).

The following Matrons are made M.B.E.:

Miss Emily Bond, Matron, General Hospital, Colombo, Ceylon.

Miss Ellen Elizabeth Gardner, Matron of the Durham County Mental Hospital.

Miss Annice Jane Richardson, Matron at the Warneford, Oxford, Mental Hospital.

KAISAR-I-HIND MEDAL.

The Kaisar-I-Hind Medal of the First Class, for Public Service in India, has been awarded to Miss Jessie Phandora Simpson, Lady Superintendent, Good Samaritan Hospital, Jheluni, Punjab.

Another Christmas season has passed us by, which brought us so many greetings from all the world over, that it will be long kept in mind with appreciative gratitude.

International Headquarters at Geneva sent "best wishes from the Staff," and the new Field Secretary in the Health Section of the League of Nations, Miss Hazel Goff, was good enough to greet us from Geneva.

Canada had us in memory: Miss Jean Wilson and the Staff of *The Canadian Nurse* sent a lovely card. Our very good friend Miss Mabel Hersey greeted us from Montreal, and Miss M. E. Misner, F.B.C.N., from Kapuskasing, in the frozen North, did not forget her friends. Miss M. M. Sim, F.B.C.N., sent a glimpse of Bowring Park, St. Johns, Newfoundland, of foaming stream and gorgeous foliage.

From Washington, U.S.A., Miss Clara D. Noyes, our First Vice-President, I.C.N., remembered many English friends. Miss Mary M. Roberts, Editor *The American Journal of Nursing*, sent a charming message: "Time does not dim the vivid satisfaction and pleasure of my visit to the homeland and the cradle of modern nursing last year."

Miss Elnora Thomson, President American Nurses' Association, and Miss Janet M. Geister sent cordial greetings from Portland, Oregon. Miss Elsie Lawler thought of us at that famous

School of Nursing at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore; and Miss Pearl Morrison, F.B.C.N., sent a lovely moonlit, silver-rimmed card of Mount Vernon; the home of George Washington, to remind us of an entrancing day we once spent there in 1901 (or was it yesterday?)

Miss Nina D. Gage, Past President and Hon. Member of the I.C.N., saluted us from the Hampton Institute School of Nursing, Virginia.

Miss Effie J. Taylor, from New Haven, Connecticut,



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