

sent one of her warm-hearted messages together with a copy of the beautiful Calendar prepared by the American League of Nursing Education.

From far Baghdad, Mrs. Lampard, R.R.C. and F.B.C.N., sent an instructive little map card of the New Kingdom of Iraq, notifying "Bible Sites in Bible Lands," inscribed "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the Earth."

From South Africa, Miss B. G. Alexander, President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, conveyed kindest regards and good wishes; and Miss E. Foulkes-Pritchard, F.B.C.N., sent with her good wishes for the New Year a little glimpse of Cape Town looking out to sea.

From the Azores, Egypt, India, China and Japan, New Zealand and Australia came kind letters and cards.

We were charmed to receive greetings from Miss Charlotte Munck, Denmark; Sister Bertha Wellin, M.P., Sweden; from Norway and Finland; from Mlle. Parmentier, Belgium; and from Holland, France and Italy.

From home friends greetings, cards and flowers and useful gifts were showered upon us, to say nothing of Christmas cheer and sweets. Indeed, we had a very happy time, for which we indeed are grateful.

The reproduction card of the Crimean carriage presented to Florence Nightingale, now in possession of the Nightingale Training School, St. Thomas's Hospital, sent by Miss Lloyd Still, together with the card of Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, sent by Miss Pearl Morrison from Washington, have been allocated to the History of Nursing Section of the B.C.N.

We have the honour to be an Hon. Member of the American League of Nursing Education, and greatly admire the "saintly" Calendar which it has prepared and issued for 1932. We have received a generous supply, but not one too many, as this beautiful work of art deserves to be carefully filed. Our copies come from Miss M. M. Roberts, Miss Nina D. Gage, Miss Effie Taylor, and Miss Pearl Morrison, and will be distributed as follows: one to be placed in the archives of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, one filed by the History Section of the British College of Nurses, one placed in the folder with all those already issued by the League in past years, and one we have kept for our own use and pleasure.

Miss Mary Knightley of Forty-lane, Wembley Park, who is believed to be the first nurse and midwife to fly an air-plane, spends her week-ends gliding. She made her first trip when at school and her ambition is to become a commercial pilot.

We commend the action of the Council of the Royal Victorian Branch of the Australian Nursing Federation in appealing for the co-operation of the British Medical Association in Victoria in its endeavour to suppress the practice of untrained women posing as trained nurses. The Secretary of the B.M.A. has advised that a notice is to be placed on the next monthly paper asking members to assist the nursing profession by employing trained nurses wherever possible.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Breckinridge, Director of the Kentucky Nursing Service, which is doing such splendid work in the Wendover and adjoining districts in the Kentucky mountains, will learn with the deepest regret that she has met with a very serious accident.

Those of our readers who have followed the fortunes of this gallant little force will remember the death of "Teddy Bear," a favourite horse, some while ago. Mrs. Breckinridge writes:—"The nurses and secretaries, who now number nearly forty people, had combined to give me a marvellous saddle horse. I haven't had one of my own since 'Teddy Bear' died. This new animal was from the Blue Grass—young, very spirited, nervous, with a sensitive mouth, intelligent eyes, and a good disposition; but he had never been ridden very much, although he is a five-gaiter Kentucky saddle horse, and he had never been out of the Blue Grass, and in a wild mountain country. . . . He was frightened and just terrified."

They were nearing a precipice, and Mrs. Breckinridge did the only possible thing—threw away the reins and rolled over on her right side; but they were going at such terrific speed that she had a hard fall, and sustained very grave injuries, and "the pain was blinding." She is now, we hope, on the way to recovery but the doctors say she cannot ride for six months.

### NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO OUR COLLEAGUES.

With the advent of the New Year there comes to mind such a host of friends scattered throughout the world that we reluctantly realise it is impossible to send a personal greeting to each. So we turn to our JOURNAL which finds its way to the snowy fastnesses of inaccessible mountain regions, to the scorching plains of countries in the torrid zone, to France and Belgium, America, China and Japan, to many beauty spots all over the world, as well as to the slums of our big cities, in all of which are to be found members of our profession, constantly endeavouring to raise the standard of the health of the nations, and to ameliorate the conditions of those laid aside by sickness so that they may be restored once more to normal life.

To each and all of these we send cordial fraternal greetings, and especially to those of our number associated together in the National and International Councils of Nurses. May they know to the full the joy which comes from professional co-operation in their associations for the good of all, and of the community at large, and may 1932 be for every one of these dear friends a happy and fruitful New Year.

### THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES, 1899-1925.

Copies of the Booklet of the History of the International Council of Nurses have now been received at the Office of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and may be obtained from Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer N.C.N., 39, Portland Place, London, W.1., price 5s. Early application is advised as the present supply is going quickly. This is a work that should be found in the Nurses' Library in every Nurse Training School.

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