

**NURSING ECHOES.**

Never have we enjoyed such an international Christmas and New Year—from so many countries around the world have come such delightful greetings. At home we greatly value a most kind letter and card from Mr. and Mrs. Crosfield, depicting lovely rhododendrons just as they grow in the gardens at Embley Park—beloved of Miss Nightingale—and never to be forgotten once seen in May.

In the Morning of the World,  
Grew a Garden sweet and fair,  
And its Peace was handed down,  
For this grey old Earth to share.

From home friends there are cards with appropriate scenes—Miss Nightingale receiving the wounded at Scutari, Bart.'s in Mediæval Times, and the old Gateway of St. Bartholomew's the Great; from Canada, Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, the Statue of Jeanne Mance, beautiful Vancouver, the Dominion Houses of Parliament at Ottawa, the Winter Trail from the Canadian Nurses' Association, pines and mountains covered in snow from farthest north, Lower Fort Garry—old historical places near Winnipeg—Manitoba; from U.S.A. greetings from Oregon, from Baltimore, Virginia, the Capitol, Washington—from New York—New Haven, the *American Journal of Nursing*; from the South African Trained Nurses' Association, and the Trained Nurses' Association of India. From Iraq, China, and the Nursing Association of Japan depicting the daintiest little lady in a lovely kimono, with chrysanthemums in her hair. From India:

The Spirit of the Peacock Throne  
Broods in the magic of the Taj,—  
Vain pomp and passion writ in stone,  
The symbols of a banished Raj.

From France the Cathedral de Chartres, Pilastres du Portail Royal, a lovely bowl of Christmas roses from Barbados, Scotland, Irish Free State, Holland, Poland, Belgium, Italy, Geneva, Sweden and from Norway "The Norwegian Nurses' Association sends its best wishes for Christmas and New Year. Hearty thanks for the Florence Nightingale Week, the great inspiration for 1932."—Signed Bergliot Larsson and Elsie Furnholme.

"The Board of Governors and Secretariat of the 'League of Red Cross Societies' send you their best wishes for the New Year." Yes, we could not help a glow of pride that from so many lands, so many kind people remembered to send greetings. We warmly reciprocate every good wish.

Miss Jane Carrick Cowie, R.G.N., F.B.C.N., Matron of the Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley, the President of the effective League of Nurses attached to that hospital, was warmly welcomed in London when she and the two Delegates of the League attended the recent Annual Meeting of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and it is greatly to be hoped that the Nurses attached to other leading Scottish Hospitals will organise and help to build up a really forceful National Council.

Miss Cowie is a well-known professional leader in Scotland, her clear and forceful mind inspiring confidence in those associated with her in hospital work and professional organisation. Miss Cowie entered the Royal Alexandra Infirmary in 1907, completed training three years later, and then nursed on the Private Staff of the hospital for three years, thus gaining valuable experience in ever new environment.

In 1912 she was appointed Sister of the Medical and Out-patient Departments, including Casualty. In that year she obtained the Diploma of the Royal British Nurses' Association, desiring to prove that the training at Paisley was up to a good standard in the absence of State Registration.

Miss Cowie informs us "that a year or so earlier some of us had come to the decision that a one

Portal System for the Empire was the goal to be striven for, and with that in view, formed the newly-formed Scottish Nurses' Association, of which Mrs. Strong is the honoured President."

Her Royal Highness Princess Royal has given great pleasure by presenting two beautiful water colour drawings to the General Infirmary, Leeds, and asking that they may be hung in the Nurses' Dining Room. They are copies of pictures by Miss Beatrice Parsons, one being "A Winchester College Garden" and the other "In a Sussex Garden." The Lady Superintendent



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