

### CHRIST MASS.

Christmas Cards! What a charm these sweet messages and pictures convey! Some appropriate, many quite otherwise, and yet all send a gleam of kindness from heart to heart. And now through international affinities we catch a glimpse of the sacred festival as seen in many lands. Headquarters I.C.N. card this year dated 1833-1933, presents the little Garden House at Kaiserswerth from an old engraving, inscribed:—

"The World here fills my life with interest, and strengthens me in body and mind."—*Florence Nightingale* (1851), and is issued with Hearty Greetings from the Staff.

The Nightingale Training School, St. Thomas's Hospital, in sending Greetings and Every Good Wish for Christmas and New Year presents a charming photograph of Florence Nightingale with lamp—inscribed: "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."—*Abraham Lincoln*—which reminded us to lay a few sprigs of holly and mistletoe at the foot of the great President's statue nearby, facing our Abbey Church of Westminster.

From Embley Park, Romsey, comes a lovely card of the garden beloved of Florence Nightingale in full bloom.

"An English garden with many lawns and trees  
And long cool shadows moving with the breeze  
Where one may dream awhile in restful ease."—*M. Aumonier*.

With greetings from Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield. "With best wishes for Christmas. May the coming year bring many happy days."

Another quite original card wishes a Merry Christmas and Bright New Year from Group 1933-1934, from 15, Manchester Square—where we may hope the eighteen International Students spent a happy time.

Here the picture of a fireplace and mantel, over which a sketch of Miss Nightingale is hung, is draped with the eighteen flags of the nationalities of the students, England, Scotland, Greece, Finland, Italy, Lithuania, Hungary, Denmark, Yugoslavia, New Zealand, India, Norway, Spain, Czecho-Slovakia, Iceland, Sweden, Australia and Mexico.

This is quite an historic and greatly valued greeting—and with others will be carefully filed in the history section of the British College of Nurses.

From many Member Associations of the I.C.N. the kindest greetings and lovely cards have reached us.

Mlle. Chaptal from Paris sends expressions of the maternal adoration of the Madonna for the Sacred Babe.

Mlle. Hellemans sends greetings to the Nurses of Great Britain from Malines, a city of many superb ancient buildings.

The League of Red Cross Societies sends forth greetings around the World.

Canada has been very kind to us. Miss Jean Gunn from Toronto; Miss Grace Fairley, Vancouver; Miss Jean Wilson, Montreal; Miss Annie E. Wells, Winnipeg; Miss Barbara Bell, Fort William; Miss Mary L. Jacobs, London; said it "with snow," just as it should be from that glistening land.

From India, Miss Abram and the Trained Nurses of

India remind us of the words of Mira Bai, a Princess of Rajputana, who was famed for her compositions both in Hindu and Gujarati, and that her songs are still widely sung by the women of Gujarat—their card quotes—"My thoughts are a string of pearls," as she wrote in the XVth century; and a scene from the Nilgiri Mountain Railway, magnificently turbulent, comes from Mrs. Watts.

South Africa sends many greetings with scenes from Cape Town of Table Mountain, and Groote Schuur, the Prime Minister's residence, formerly the home of the great Rhodes, now magnificently entombed on the Matoppos.

From Norway, Holland, Latvia and Italy come love and good wishes.

New Zealand sends very kind greetings. From Newfoundland, Palestine, Bulgaria, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Straits Settlements, Egypt, Barbados, Italy, Australia, China and Japan, specially touching messages come to us.

From the United States specially sweet letters and cards have come; "The Carolers," in uniform, all carrying candles, awakening the happy morn with song, we seem to hear quite clearly, and the Salute—"To The Most Illustrious The Contessina Allagia degli Aldobrandeschi, on the Via de Martelli Firenze," from Fra Giovanni, dated Christmas Eve, Anno Domini MDCIII. Pontassieve, is so exquisite a Letter it must some time be quoted in full: "And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you. Not quite as the world sends greetings, but with profound esteem, and with the prayer for you, now and for ever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away." This Salute from our specially modest fellow scribbler Mary M. Roberts—the brilliant Editor of the *American Journal of Nursing*, is gracious indeed.

Lovely cards from home friends we greatly value—one of Anne Hathaway's Cottage, another of Sandringham, its lake and gardens, sketches of "Old London," many of the dear animals, horses, dogs and cats, and good wishes from near and far.

### A PAPER TO BE STUDIED.

We have published in full in this issue the very instructive Paper on "The Opportunity of the Nursing Profession in Relation to the Mental Hygiene Movement," read at the I.C.N. Congress in Paris, by Miss Effie J. Taylor, President of the League of Nursing Education, U.S.A., which we hope will be carefully studied by those who are earnestly interested in great public welfare movements. We know how true is her impression "that many, if not all, great movements have been developed through the thinking of some fearless man or woman, made vital by doing as well as by thinking."

Miss Effie Taylor is not only a leader in modern nursing educational methods in America, but her breadth of thought is known "on this side." Associated as she is with Miss Annie Goodrich, of the Yale University School of Nursing, together they are always blazing fresh trails—and their work is not only thorough, but brilliant.

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