

**NURSING ECHOES.**

We revel in our Christmas post, as it brings so many kind letters and lovely cards from afar. These cards bring not only sweet greetings, but innumerable glimpses of our magnificent world.

From New Zealand the Aotearora Calendar 1937, compiled by the New Zealand Federation of University Women, we could not resist "pinching" the picture of these butterfly girls responding to "The Call of the Surf," the very acme of perfect youth, health and grace. The future mothers, let us hope, of our race in this fine Dominion, we need have no fear for its stability, prosperity and loyalty.

*The glad waves tossed their heads and danced in glee,  
And all once more was speed and stir and motion,  
Awakened sparkling life in air and ocean,  
And swift forgetfulness of weary heat.*

*William Pember Reeves.*

How describe the amazing beauty of snowbound Canada from Quebec to Vancouver. It can't be done!

U.S.A. and its matchless vistas, and buildings, with ships braving the Atlantic in full sail to convey messages of peace and good will. And Europe, its variety of scenery, peoples and wonderful costumes, the shrines in China and Japan.

We feel good and rewarded with all these blessings showered on us on this day of days.

We return a Happy, Happy New Year to all our dear sisters serving humanity throughout this lovely world.

Members of the Nursing Profession in these days so often organise public functions that it is necessary that they should know the right procedure in relation to the Loyal Toasts. The King has approved a recommendation of the Home Secretary that the order and form of the loyal toasts to be used in future at official and public dinners shall be as follows:—

1. The King.
2. The Queen, Queen Mary, and the other members of the Royal Family.

Disappointment is sometimes expressed by members of the National Council of Nurses that news sent in does not appear. We must therefore remind those who

desire publicity for events in which they are interested that reports must reach the Editor not later than the first of the month.

The resignation of Dame Anne Beadsmore-Smith, R.R.C., of the Chair of the Board of Directors of the United Nursing Services Club at 34, Cavendish Square, has been received by her colleagues with very sincere regret. Dame Anne, known for her charm of manner, fitted the position to perfection, and did much to make the Club the social and financial success it is. She is to be succeeded by Miss Medforth, R.R.C., the late Matron-in-Chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, a fortunate selection, as her kindness and courtesy have endeared her to many colleagues in military ranks, and also in the wider nursing world outside.

Before Parliament rose, the unsatisfactory manner in which the Nursing Homes Act is being administered was brought to the notice of Parliament—not before time.

Dr. Leech asked the Minister of Health whether he was, in collaboration with the London County Council or with the Metropolitan Borough Councils, taking suitable steps to ensure that the furnishings of rooms in private nursing homes in the metropolitan area were always sterilised after the



THE CALL OF THE SURF, NEW ZEALAND.

rooms had been vacated by a patient?

Sir Kingsley Wood replied: The supervision of nursing homes in London is the responsibility of the London County Council. I will communicate with them on this matter and inform my hon. friend of the result.

Sir Francis Fremantle asked the Minister of Health if he was aware of nursing homes still unregistered under the 1927 Act; and what steps he was taking to ensure the closure of unregistered and the proper conduct of registered nursing homes?

Sir Kingsley Wood replied: I will send my hon. friend a copy of the circular which I have recently issued to the local supervising authorities on this subject.

Sir F. Fremantle: Will action be taken on the side of the local authority to remedy the standing anomalies that are prevalent, there being thousands of nursing homes that are unregistered, and nursing homes that are registered and not properly supervised?

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