

GREETINGS FROM AFAR.

As the years fly by—and the older we grow the quicker they fly—the Christmas greetings from afar become more and more precious. Congress year has evidently added to our friends—and also to knowledge and appreciation of our National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, happily the hostess organisation of so many delightful people from all over the world who attended the International Congress of Nurses in London in 1937.

Christmas cards from India and the Dominions and U.S.A. bring peeps of their splendour and glorious scenery before us—and incidentally teach valuable lessons in geography—lakes, rivers, mountains, fauna and flora, potentates gorgeously attired and splendid coloured people with few furbelows and many feathers!



A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
THE HELLENIC RED CROSS SCHOOL AT ATHENS.
"PEACE ON EARTH."

The splendid buildings, hospitals, nurses' homes, churches, memorials, Parliament and civic buildings—in sunshine and snow. Never could we have imagined that the skyscrapers of Toronto waterfront, as seen from the bay, could have presented so really artistic a scheme of architecture. Montreal—the glorious river fringed with crimson foliage—Yale University, Independence Square, Baltimore—Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa—all glorious with vistas of glistening waters, gorgeous trees and forests, waving palms, carpets of wild flowers, birds and beasts of the wild. Cunning little native bears swarming tall trees, kangaroos with young in pouch, opossum and wallaby—and birds, the rookaburras or laughing jacks, stately emu, the

lyre bird, black swan, and the coy pink cockatoo—we longed for them all!

To return to Europe, we were pleased again to see the Brandenburger Tor and glimpse down Unter den Linden, seen last when the I.C.N. met in Berlin in 1904, where we were elected its first Hon. President—this card sent with kindest remembrances from Frau Oberin Helene Blunck—now President of the German Nurses' Association. The Norwegian Nurses' Association sends best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year, inscribed "The Norwegian Nurses will always remember the year 1937, all that you gave us and the hospitality of the British Nurses"—signed Bergljot Larsson and Bertha Helgestad; the Hungarian Nurses' Association and Baroness Marie Fiath; the Polish Professional Nurses, President, J. Suffcynska; the Swedish Nurses' Association, Elisabet Lind, President;

the Danish, Council of Nurses, Elisabeth With, President; the National Nurses' Association of the Netherlands, Baroness L. Van Hogendorp; Estonian Nurses' Association, Anna Erma, President (with picture of the beautiful Nurses' Home of the Training School at the University of Tartu); Hôpital Universitaire, Saint-Pierre, Ecole Universitaire d'Infirmières (Foundation Edith Cavell, Marie Depage), Brussels; C. Mechelynck; Hellenic Red Cross School for Nurses, Athens, Greece, Miss Messolora; Mrs. Mary Breckinridge and the Frontier Nursing Service, U.S.A.; Lulu K. Holf, Richmond, Virginia; Labrador; Samoa; and many other parts of the world. If all the kind wishes at home and abroad come true, we shall live to be a hundred, and that will never do. All the same, a thousand thanks for greetings from afar.

E. G. F.

Christmas spent in hospital has this year, as ever, been a gay and happy time. Gifts—good fare, beautiful decorations, flowers and jollity—and a united effort to banish pain and care.

"What a jolly, excellent, lovable world it is."

"May the New Year be a happy one to you, happy to many more whose happiness depends on you! So may each year be happier than the last."

"The best wishes that can be forged in your thoughts be servants unto you."

"A light of duty shines on every day."

"Sincerity, friendship, piety, disinterestedness, and generosity are the great virtues."

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