

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

In past years before the nations were engaged in world-wide war, we received kind greetings at Christmas and New Year from every quarter of the globe, and were able, through the medium of this journal, to pass on to colleagues in Great Britain, many inspiring words of sympathy.

The following cablegrams are all the more welcome because so many friends are silenced.

"FROM U.S.A.
"NEWHAVEN, CONN.

"Your American colleagues send affectionate greetings to their British Sisters. Our hearts unite in prayer this Christmastide, guidance towards peace.

"EFFIE TAYLOR."

"STOCKHOLM.

"To National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

"Warmest greetings and best wishes for Christmas and New Year.—Swedish Nurses' Association.

"ELISABET LIND, GERDA JOEJER."

We wish to thank with responsive good wishes, the colleagues at home and abroad who have sent us charming cards and letters. The little calendars are specially "dinky," and will be most useful throughout the year.

FROM MISS ANNIE W. GOODRICH, HON. PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

COLCHESTER, CONN, U.S.A.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—At last it has come, and with it a united nation ready to see to a conclusion this struggle between two ideologies. Many years ago, I read Benjamin Kidd's "The Science of Power." Certainly to-day we are seeing the power of an ideal pitted against force, and with unquenchable faith, in the final answer, whatever the fire through which we have to go.

You will ask what part I am taking in this great adventure. At the moment I can only say, no part.

Over a year ago, I begged consideration in view of a very definite shortage of nurses throughout the country, an immediate revival of the Army School. This was opposed.

However, I have been asked to do my bit through speaking, and the *A. J. N.* is publishing my latest effort, poor at best.

I wish I had one-tenth of your ability, dear Mrs. Fenwick; no, one-hundredth, I would be grateful for one of your trinity of thinker, writer, speaker, plus indomitable courage. Never mind, if there is a place for me in this great all-out for democracy, it will appear, and then I shall have to pray unceasingly that I measure up, for though I'm only 75, I'm no match in any particular, except health, for those fine younger women in the field.

We are greatly blessed, are we not, in our President and also Mrs. Roosevelt, who, as you know, is taking a most active part in the home defence programme.

I trust that Hitler will not turn to England again.

I think we are fortunate in this country in the information we receive through both the press and the radio. Here I am some miles from a town of any size, yet every

hour I can obtain from the radio the latest news that can with safety be given.

How I wish I could talk to you. I hope that you and those you love are well and safe, and that some day we may meet again.

Faithfully yours,
ANNIE W. GOODRICH.

P.S.—I have taken the privilege of reading that splendid closing paragraph in your last letter to a number of audiences, the last the day before war was declared.—
A. W. G.

FROM MISS B. G. ALEXANDER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

1, PRINCESS PLACE,
PARKTOWN, JOHANNESBURG.

MY DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—This is to convey to you my cordial greetings and best wishes and to congratulate you on the wonderful way in which THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has found its way to South Africa during this very difficult year. It certainly speaks volumes for the vigilance of our Navy, and it also means a wonderful piece of work on your part.

It is always a great pleasure to get the JOURNAL, as you keep ahead of so many of our problems, and at present we are confronted with the problem of the assistant nurse just as you are in the homeland. A great number of our nurses have gone north, and the hospitals are sadly depleted and finding it difficult to get staff, but that does not justify the employment of unqualified women.

We are all very full of admiration for the gallant way the nurses have responded to the call of duty at this time, and we must keep faith with them during their absence.

To you I send very cordial greetings and very best wishes for a quiet and peaceful Xmas and continued good health and strength to carry on your great work.

Yours very sincerely,
B. G. ALEXANDER.

FROM THE NEW ZEALAND REGISTERED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR PRESIDENT—As we approach the third Christmas of the most devastating war in history it is difficult to frame a traditional greeting, but I would like through your Association to send the good wishes of New Zealand nurses to their English colleagues. Our thoughts are with you constantly, in admiration and gratitude for your spirit and your deeds. We hope that your darkest hour is passed, and that before another year is closed the world will be at peace again.

Yours sincerely,
H. DONNE, *Dominion Secretary.*

FROM MRS. MARY BRECKINRIDGE, FOUNDER, THE FRONTIER NURSING SERVICE, KENTUCKY.

WENDOVER, KENTUCKY.

"My dear friends in the Old Country—

"Last year my Christmas letters were sunk, so this year I am sending you this little greeting by air mail, on which I shall write a personal message for each one.

"I don't think I should have had the heart to write any of you if our Congress had not repealed all that mattered in that dreadful Neutrality Law. Now that is done, and we shall carry our share of the Battle of the Atlantic at least. As you all know, I think, and the majority of my friends

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