

We specially congratulate Miss Jane Bell and Miss Dora Chadwick—the former has done most strenuous and invaluable work in the organisation of professional nursing in Australia—and the Nursing Bill, which is now before Parliament, owes its stability to her initiative and devotion to high professional standards.

To Miss Dora Chadwick we would also offer congratulations; no Registered Nurse in India has done so much to claim and acquire professional recognition for nurses in India. Miss Chadwick is a Fellow of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., and is keenly interested in International Nursing relations.

The New Year's Honours are mainly conferred through influence upon the laity, and must be accepted as such. We are not surprised that Mr. Mackenzie King, the Prime Minister of Canada, who disapproves of this obsolete system, has announced that no further "honours" will be awarded to the laity in Canada during the war.

What we do approve is the recognition of Mrs. Laura Mary Hyde, Chief of the Home Office Cleaners, who has been awarded the British Empire Medal. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," and nothing is more inspiring than a shining environment. We congratulate the lady.

This announcement reminds us of an episode at Bart's 60 years ago. The Matron happened to be around early—at 6 a.m. She came upon a lively controversy between a celebrated character who controlled the scrubbers in the wards, and a sweep.

"I will have you to know," said the former, indignantly, "that I am the Lady Superintendent of the Scrubbers."

And "I will have you to know, madam," replied his dusky majesty, "that I am the Gentleman Superintendent of the Sweeps!"

At the sight of Matron at this untimely hour—and the sound of her laughter—peace was agreed.

### "GREY AND SCARLET."

We shall all want to secure a copy of "Grey and Scarlet," an illustrated work now in the press, compiled from letters from all the seats of war, from Matrons and Sisters of Q.A.I.M.N.S. and the T.A.N.S. addressed to the Matron-in-Chief.

This work cannot fail to take its place as a reliable and intensely interesting history of the care of the sick and wounded in war, and will secure an honoured place on the shelves of every nurses' library. Order early from your bookseller or you may fail to secure a copy.

### THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

A Meeting of Council will take place on Wednesday, January 19th, at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, at 2.30 p.m. Important business will be considered:—

1. A communication to the new Minister of Health.
2. The Report of the Reconstruction Committee, Sections II. and III. of the Royal College of Nursing.
3. Financial organisation for the benefit of Registered Nurses.

We feel sure her colleagues in the Council will wish to congratulate Miss Elizabeth Brodie, R.G.N., on securing the New Year's Honour of M.B.E. (Civil Division) reported in another column.

## NURSING ECHOES.

### GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

In spite of difficult posts, many kind messages came through at the New Year wishing success to the B.J.N. and the Editor health and happiness, who as ever greatly values kind thoughts from the friends at home and the Dominions and warmly reciprocates them.

Miss Mary Lambie writes from the Health Department at Wellington, New Zealand: "I hope this will serve this year to convey to you my best wishes for Christmas and New Year, hoping as we all do that 1944 may bring peace to this troubled world. . . . In New Zealand we have watched our Mother Country's herculian task with the greatest admiration, and we of the nursing world particularly, that of our English and Scottish sisters in not only the Services, but in the hospitals throughout their country."

### SOUTH AFRICA REMEMBERS US.

From Johannesburg, Miss B. G. Alexander, so well-known to us all for her years of wonderful service to our profession in South Africa, writes—"This conveys to you my cordial greetings, and very best wishes. We have been making history in the nursing world in this country as we had our first nursing Bill presented to Parliament at its last Session, and now it has been amended and will be passed, we hope, at the next session in January. How I wish we could have another meeting of the I.C.N., they were such an inspiration to us all. . . . With many kind thoughts and best wishes to you.

"God Bless Thy Year

giving you

Strength for the Strife,  
Peace for the Pathway,  
Wisdom for the Work,  
Friends for the Fireside,  
Love to the Last."

### THE FUTURE IS OURS.

From Dean Effie Taylor, President I.C.N., comes all good wishes together with a box of lovely candies. She also wishes the time was ripe for further meetings; but we all realise that for the moment—Europe with the great offensive impending—every item of energy we nurses possess is owed to our country and its defenders. The time will come again for happy meetings, but not at this hour.

### GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA.

Miss Jane Bell, O.B.E., sends us an inspiring message from Melbourne. "Once more," she writes, "I send you my warmest greetings and best wishes, and hope you will have as happy a Christmas and New Year as may be in these tragic days. Fortunately there are some breaks appearing in the clouds, and at last may God bless you in your work and struggles for the benefit of nurses and nursing." Waves of kindness from overseas are most stimulating and inspire fresh energy in those of us so happy as to receive them.

### CANADA REMEMBERS US.

From Canada we have to thank the Canadian Nurses' Association and *The Canadian Nurse*, for the season's greetings, which inspire reciprocal feelings of warmest good will.

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