

ON TO PEKING.

FOLLOW YOUR PRESIDENT TO CHINA.

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As I listen to the "bells of the old year ringing out and the New Year's bells ringing in," I am thinking of the bells I have heard in other lands. Thinking of the soft bells of Africa, and again of the glad bells of London as I heard them when with you last spring. I am thinking again of a kind of bells I have often heard in China. On some of the pagodas it is the custom to hang tiny bells, and when the wind blows the tiny bells ring out softly on the Oriental air. I believe if these tiny bells could speak your language they might be saying "Come to Peking, Come to Peking, 1929, That's the time, Won't it be fine, In 1929 to see you in Peking." I am sure that is what all the nurses of China are saying. Mrs. Strong is coming. Mrs. Fenwick is coming. Miss Breyer is coming. Miss Macdonald is coming. Miss Pearce is coming. Miss Musson is coming. And we hope many are coming at that time. We are glad to hear of the Bazaar

and are sure it was a success—as all the other ones will be when to help Peking. We do not know what route you are coming. If via Siberia, Miss Wu and I can assure you that we had a wonderful time crossing Siberia and the people were all so nice to us, and the trip so interesting. If via the Suez, it is as exciting but a little longer. If you are coming via the States or Canada you will join our wonderful Canadian Pacific party being

planned by the nurses from there. Your Editor will have the details of it from the *American Journal*.

Our Hospitality Committee are planning to entertain you in the Yen Cheng University, just being erected in Peking. This will be about five minutes' walk from the Summer Palace—that fairy land of beauty and Oriental charm. It will be great to steal out here when weary of papers and discussions. There are to be such things as a Chinese banquet, Chinese drama and music, a reception at the Palace with real Chinese tea. There will be so many nice things to buy, jade, amber, tapestry, embroidery, silks, lacquer, paintings, real china, and a million other things to entice your "coppers" away from you. Better have the return ticket and then feel free to be hilarious once in your life and take home "something from China" whatever your heart says.

You will like our Chinese nurses, for you all loved our Miss Wu who often speaks of "when they come to Peking." We think that you will especially like our men nurses—many are studying English so they can be of service to you when you are with us. One Probationer said to his Matron that he did not want to go to the National Meeting of the Nurses of China because he wished to attend the I.C.N. in Peking in 1929.

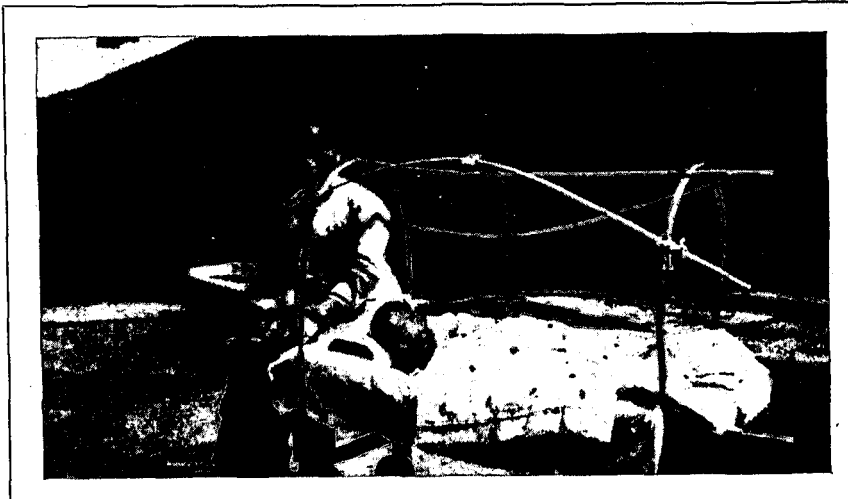
In the Rainbow Banner Republic of the East you know, lives one fourth of the world's population, and here are

born one third of the world's babies. Here you will find nursing in its infancy, and we are sure that your coming will mean much to the people of the country, as well as to our nurses and all the nurses of Asia.

You will find nurses from your own schools and old friendships will be cemented while new ones are made. Mrs. Maxwell, our Council on Health Education Representative from Barts., will greet you. Miss Hope Bell from the London will make you feel at home. Miss Stephenson has you in mind as she is preparing the programme. Miss Cabot from the Nightingale School, St. Thomas; Mrs. Elsie Chung Lyon, from Guy's; Miss Logan, Miss Jaques, Miss Rossiter, Miss Sharp, Miss Baldwin, Mrs. Davenport, and many others will be there to make you feel at home and happy, and help you to understand the strange things you may find over here.

My Sister joins with me in sending glad New Year Greetings, and we often think of the happy hours spent in London with our colleagues, and long to "come again some time."

We hope to be able to pass on some of your kindness to us when you come to Peking in 1929.



OPEN AIR TREATMENT AT KAIFENG HOSPITAL.

A JOY RIDE THROUGH CHINA.

Many nurses are already reading up China in hopes of attending the International Congress in Peking in 1929. May we recommend them to procure "The Joy Ride through China," by Miss Cora E. Simpson. It is a lovely book and contains just the information we need, and which will enlighten us from within. This book can be obtained from the Oxford University Press, 11, Warwick Sq., E.C.4.

Whilst civil war and bloodshed makes China seem a long way off for the moment, it is interesting to know that Nursing in that lovely land is pursuing its humanitarian way. We are informed that there are more candidates registered for the National Examinations this year than ever before, and that the nurses' work continues to grow amid all the disturbing elements in China. Men and women alike realise its civilizing value, and it will be, let us hope, a potent influence for peace throughout the land at no distant date.

THE MISSION HOSPITAL AT KAIFENG.

Kaifeng Hospital with its 170 beds, large Out-patient department, and city dispensary, is one of the busiest medical centres of the China Inland Mission.

During the last few years several times part of the hospital has been used for Red Cross work, as it was impossible to refuse admittance to terribly wounded soldiers, whose only hope of life was the Mission Hospital. This afforded an unique opportunity to preach the Gospel to many.

The need for skilled, consecrated, doctors and nurses, who will go forth as the Master went, to preach and heal, is always urgent. The day of opportunity is still with us, but in view of the spread of Bolshevism in China, no one can say how much longer the missionaries may have freedom to tell the Good News to millions sitting in darkness.

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