"I WAS A PRISONER."

Many of us have wondered during the past years what had happened to another great International Nurse, Miss Gladys Stephenson, S.R.N., whose work as an organiser of Nursing in China has been monumental for many years. Inspired by the International spirit, Gladys Stephenson, who has held the position for many years of Matron of the Methodist Mission Hospital, Hankow, Central China, a leading school for Chinese nurses, is one of the most beloved members of Nurses Ltd. The news of her will be eagerly read by her many devoted admirers in the following extract from a letter which appears in the January issue of Nurses Near and Far, the organ of "The Nurses' Christian Movement":

Extract from a letter from Gladys Stephenson, one of our honoured members, who has been released from a Japanese internment camp:

"Our life here has been so fearfully busy that leisure was precious, and since peace there has been one whirl of excitement which really still leaves some folks feeling dazed. Apart from all the duties de each had of cleaning, fetching food and water, taking hours each day, as it often involved long intervals standing in queues, we each had our camp work, cooking, cleaning, nursing, teaching, building paths, stoves for boiling water, stoking, etc., etc. We ran a school for 400 children and a small hospital of 20 beds where I worked. Only 33 per cent. of us were full Britishers, the rest were Eurasians, Russians, Jews, Portuguese, Dutch—even a few negroes, and one or two of the 'tough guy' element. All alike we shared our quarters, our meals, our quota of drinking water, etc., and so we had a unique opportunity of studying the human family. We had Sunday school as well as Services and an evening intercession period, which became very precious to a small group of us, and was really and truly our 'power house.'"

"After passing 28 years without malaria I fell a victim the first year here, as did one-quarter of all the camp occupants—(this neighbourhood being very malarious)—but after five attacks I recovered and have made up my weight and really feel quite myself. It is marvellous how we have all come through very fit, this place being in the country, and we were obliged, fortunately, to spend much time outside in the open."

"We missed news of home, loved ones, and our own..."