

Six Chinese nurses came from far Canton in the South, six from Peking in the North. The Governor of the Canton Province helped to defray the expenses of the journey of the six delegates from that province.

The proceedings were opened by a Reception in a Church Hall which had been lent for the Conference.

The address of welcome was given by Miss Booth, a nurse from Birmingham, who has worked for many years in the city of Hankow. The President of the Conference is an American nurse, Matron of a large hospital in North China, the Vice-President is a British nurse who was trained at the London Hospital. The opening devotional meeting of the Conference was conducted by the Bishop of Hankow. The meetings afterwards were mainly devoted to business. Almost everything to do with the training of nurses and the running of hospitals was discussed, making the meetings of thrilling interest to those present.

It was a great inspiration particularly to lonely up-country matrons and nurses.

Several steps forward were taken by this Conference, the establishing and granting of an operative midwifery certificate after a second year of midwifery training being one.

In this country of indescribable sickness and suffering amongst the masses, with an appalling dearth of medical workers, it is imperative that something be done to lessen the incredible percentage of infant mortality, also the percentage of deaths amongst young mothers.

So that the establishing of a separate operative midwifery course for trained nurses, who have also the normal midwifery certificate is a great step forward, welcomed by all who yearn to see some alleviation for the sufferings of the people.

A full-time paid Secretary for the Association was also appointed for the first time. One part of her duty will be to inspect all the registered training schools during the next two years, a task which will involve months of hard travelling over amazing distances. The hospitals are separated by hundreds of miles from each other.

One meeting of the Conference was conducted in the Mandarin language. The body of the hall was full of Chinese probationers and nurses. At the conclusion the Military Governor (who is virtually King of the Province), also the Civil Governor, with one of the Consuls, came to greet the Conference. The Governor made a speech in which he spoke of the honour of having the nurses in Conference in Hankow, the importance with which he regarded the work of the nursing profession, and expressed his willingness to help in any way he could. This visit was a great encouragement to the missionary nurses present, proving how far we have advanced beyond the early days of medical missionary work, when nursing work was considered only fit for coolies.

GLADYS E. STEPHENSON.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRON.

**The Wooley Sanatorium, Northumberland County Council, near Hexham, Northumberland.**—Miss E. Mackenzie has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Southwark Infirmary, East Dulwich, and has been Staff Nurse at the Ear and Throat Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, Ward Sister, Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, also at Firvale Hospital, Sheffield, Night Superintendent at the Tolworth Isolation Hospital, Surbiton, and Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, Home Sister, City Sanatorium, Birmingham, and City Hospital, Newcastle, and Matron, Wounded Allies Relief Hospital, Kragiejevatz, Serbia, and of Lynwood Convalescent Hospital for Ex-Service Men, Newcastle. |

Miss Mackenzie holds the Serbian Cross of Mercy, the Order of St. Sava, Class V, the British War and Victory Medals, also the Medal awarded by the Tyne-side Garrison for services rendered locally. A galaxy of Orders and Medals of which she has every right to be proud—as recognition of arduous work for King and Country.

**Lynwood Convalescent Hostel for Ex-Service Men, Jesmond Park, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**—Miss K. V. Balshaw has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Wigan, and has been Staff Nurse at Townley's Military Hospital, Sister at the City Hospital, Walkergate, Newcastle, and for the past year Sister at the Lynwood Convalescent Hostel, Newcastle.

### ASSISTANT MATRON.

**Horton Mental Hospital (L.C.C.), Epsom.**—Miss A. Allan has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the London County Council Mental Hospital, Bexley, and at the City of Westminster Infirmary, Fulham Road. She at present holds the position of Assistant Matron at the Nottingham City Mental Hospital. She holds the Certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association, and of the Brompton Hospital for Consumption, and is a Certified Midwife.

### SISTER.

**Lynwood Convalescent Hostel for Ex-Service Men, Newcastle.**—Miss Hepple has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

### QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S MILITARY NURSING SERVICE FOR INDIA.

The following ladies have been appointed to Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India in the grade of Staff Nurse (Temporary):—Miss P. A. Bishop, Miss D. Dalton, Miss J. E. T. Montgomery, Miss R. E. Morrison.

### QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

#### TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Florence E. Underhill is appointed to Northants, as Assistant County Superintendent; Miss Annie L. Bailey, to Hanley; Miss Lellen Butler, to St. Hilda's, East Leeds; Miss Hilda W. Goadby, to Enfield; Miss Beatrice Haidon, to Chapel End; Miss Agnes M. Harris, to Three Towns; Miss Edith B. Kelley, to Brigg; Miss Ellen E. Lacey, to Hanley; Miss Ellen L. Lewis, to Long Buckby; Miss Constance M. Macey, to Woolwich; Miss Fanny E. Pike, to Tettenhall; Miss Dorothy Provis, to Worsborough Dale.

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