

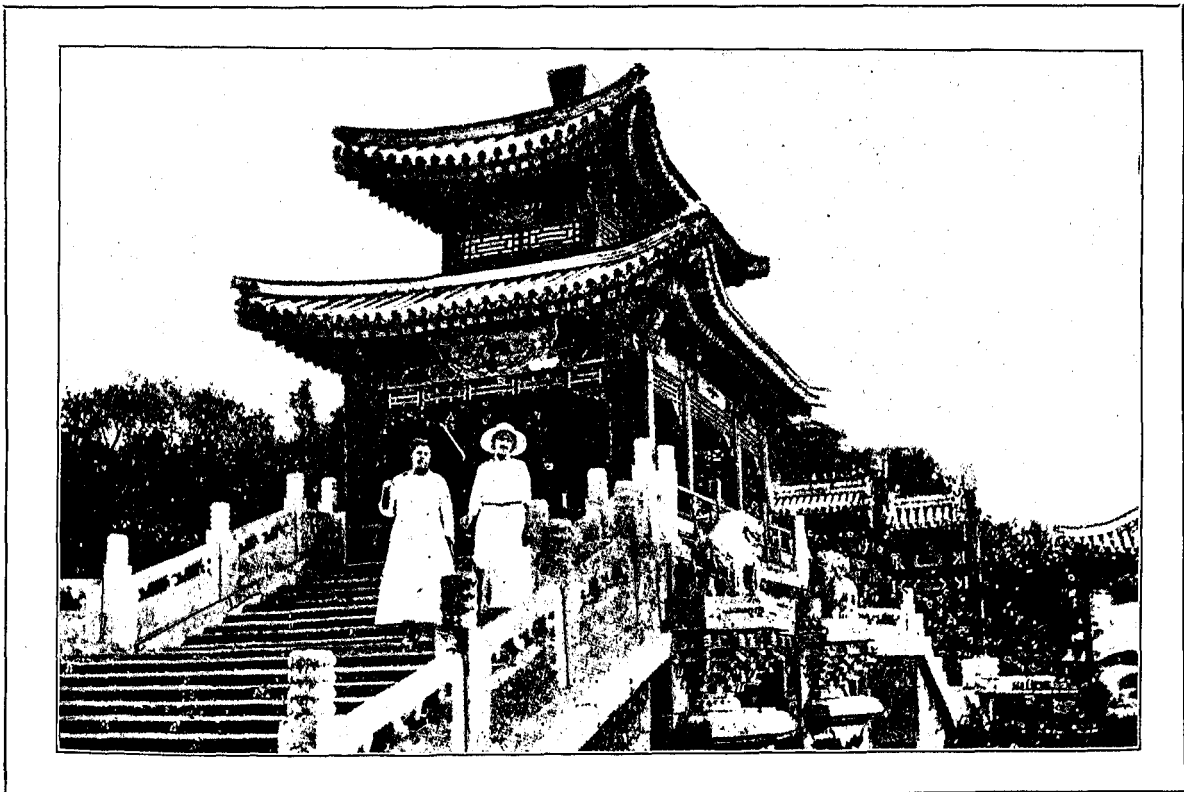
nurse has never yet been seen. Here were cities unlighted, with no water or sewerage system. Here human life was the cheapest thing known. Men staggered under burdens and fell beneath the load. Women came to the hour of their trial with no one to help or care for them. Dear baby eyes lost their sight because no one knew how to save them. Little children were carried off by all the contagious diseases known to humanity and homes were left desolate. Here there was one death from tuberculosis every thirty-seven seconds. Homes were unlighted, and the use of fresh air unknown. The blind and crippled and the lepers wandered about the streets and along the roadsides to beg a bowl of rice, and the insane were chained in temples when they no longer could be kept at home. When wars and pestilence swept off whole villages and districts, and the cries and the moans of the sick and dying rose to Heaven, who heeded or cared?

"O, yes, the need was there . . . and in the fulness of

gathering or conference to be held at regular intervals to discuss plans for future development. They even said 'One day our little Association will sit in the World's Council.'" (This became a reality in 1922.)

The Committee then established consisted of Miss Gage, Miss M. Murdock, Miss A. Clarke, Miss F. Harris, Miss A. Lowe, Miss E. Hope Bell, and Miss C. Simpson, and the programme accepted then remains practically the same to-day.

The story related by Miss Simpson is the story of the marvellous development of the N.A.C., and the joy ride which she took through China as Hon. Secretary of the Association, visiting its Nursing Schools, registering new ones, taking diplomas to those graduates, both men and women, who had passed the examination and earned them by their practical efficiency. We wish we had space to record her many adventures, travelling in all kinds of conveyances, meeting with brigands and having many perilous adventures.



MISS G. C. STEPHENSON AND MISS C. E. SIMPSON AT THE SUMMER PALACE AT PEKING.

time it came in 1909, the Nurses' Association of China with Mrs. Hart as the first President, and Miss Henderson as the first Secretary.

In 1912 Miss Gage, a refugee in Shanghai during the revolution, sent out a call for delegates to come from every part of China in order to plan for her future. "The Nurses' Association of China was out to serve, and in order to do this she must have schools established where her principles could be taught, and books prepared for her students who would enter the schools. A curriculum must be mapped out, and in order that people might know where her schools were established certificates of registration had to be prepared to issue to the schools when a certain standard was reached. Then, looking farther into the future, these guardians also prepared a diploma to be given to the students who would finish the course of study in her schools, and who by a Board of Examiners should be counted worthy to go out and serve for her. They also planned a great National

Always in the houses of Healing, as hospitals are known in China, a welcome awaited her. Always there was the petition for more trained nurses to take the superintendence of Nursing Schools in new districts until Chinese graduates are trained to take charge themselves. We promise those who are interested in Nursing organization that they will find the book of interest from cover to cover. It is very up-to-date, for it ends with the greeting given by Miss Lillian Wu, at the Banquet on the last evening of the International Congress of Nurses at Helsingfors; the introduction of Miss Gage, the newly-elected President of the I.C.N., to those present, and the slogan started as the company were dispersing, "On to Peking. Follow your President to China."

Our illustration showed Miss Gladys Stephenson, S.R.N., who, as its President, has done so much for the Nurses' Association of China, and Miss Simpson on the steps of the Summer Palace at Peking.

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