

HANKOW UNITED SCHOOL OF NURSING, CHINA.

Tuesday, November 14th, 1933, was a glad day for the Hankow United School of Nursing, when at long last the new Nurses' Building was opened. It was a great joy to have Dr. Hooker, our Medical Secretary, with us to give an address and open the building.

How the nurses worked and longed for the day!

Pots of chrysanthemums were carefully guarded and collected for the great occasion, every part of the building was made to shine, and each nurse bought a new pretty counterpane to cover the bed.

The lecture hall with its neatly arranged desks, charts and portraits on the wall stood all ready for inspection, as also the library, classroom, and large dining hall.

We could hardly believe that it was all real. Dr. Hooker in his speech told us that he had visited many hospitals and schools, and in the dormitories he had noticed many pillows with the words "Sweet Dreams" embroidered on them. He then talked of the sweet dream that we in Hankow had dreamed of, a united medical work and a United School of Nursing, and told us how glad he was to share in the joy of the realisation of the dream. He also told us how the friends in England had sorrowed with us in the terrible days of the flood and how gladly they had helped us with funds to rebuild and that they were one with us in all this work of helping to bring in God's Kingdom. He finished by reminding us of the nurses' motto in China, "With God nothing is impossible."

Then we had an English song from the David Hill Girls' School choir, beautifully sung, called "Sunbeams." The last line ran "Then we caught the sunbeam in the heart of the Nurses' Home."

After that came a much enjoyed tableaux of nursing history given by the graduate nurses. First we saw Hygeia, Goddess of Health in Greece, then came Phoebe, first Christian deaconess and nurse, then the lady Fabiola who opened her house as the first hospital for the sick in Rome. Then we saw a Knight of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, a purely nursing order. Then came beautiful Elizabeth of Hungary, patron saint of nursing, heroine of the story of the miraculous roses and inspiration of Wagner's exquisite creation of Elizabeth in "Tannhauser."

St. Vincent de Paul and one of the Sisters of Charity, an Order of Nursing Sisters that he founded, followed, then on to the days of the Kaiserswerth deaconesses. Miss Driver impersonated a deaconess in her demure grey cape and bonnet of spotted muslin.

The "dark age" of nursing history depicted "Sairey Gamp." Miss Gillison caused much amusement with her excellent impersonation of this unattractive personage.

The Lady of the Lamp then came as the central figure, carrying her lighted lamp. Miss Yu, our senior Chinese nurse, made a very good Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, and she was followed by a graduate nurse and a student nurse of our Hankow School of Nursing, to show what is now being done in this celestial land.

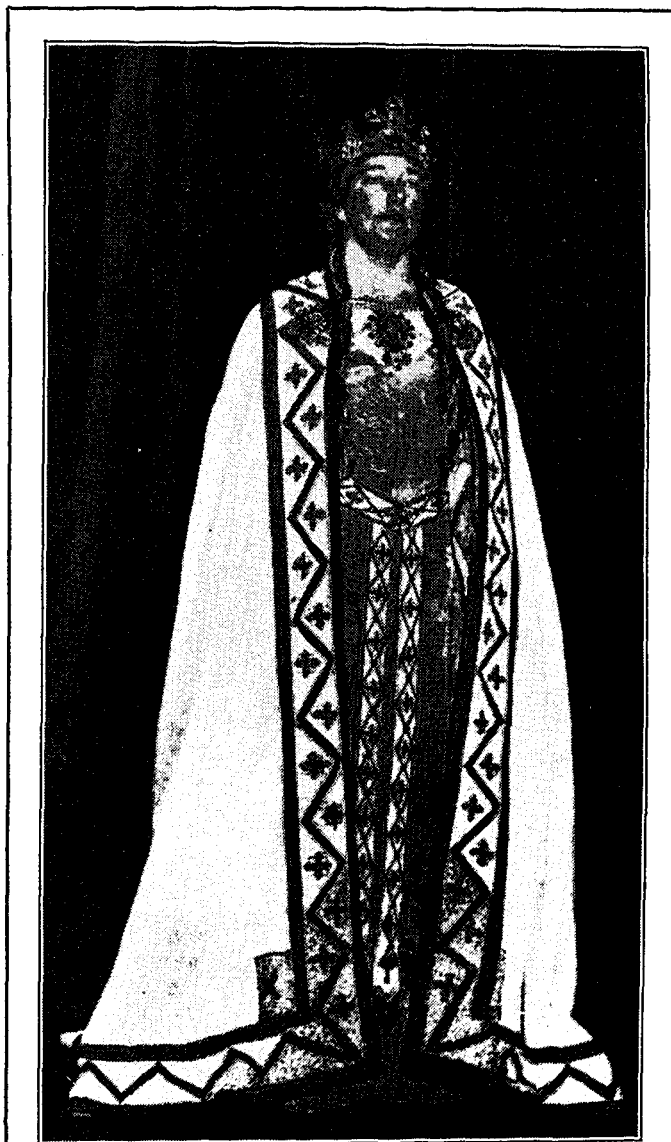
A midwifery nurse, ready for a call with her bag, finished the tableaux, which met with much applause.

The company then adjourned to the new building, outside of which the nurses sang the hymn, "We build our School on Thee, O Lord." Dr. Hooker then opened the door with a silver key, and the classrooms, etc., on the ground floor, the rooms on the second and third floor were then inspected by the guests, and tea was served in the dining hall.

On the third floor is a room set apart, suitably furnished, as a prayer room. It is also used for small meetings and communion services. This room was furnished with a gift given by the nurses of the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone.

To one and all of our friends whose prayers and gifts have helped to make this "sweet dream" a reality, we send our warmest grateful thanks, and pray that those who live in this building may do much to bring this land to the feet of Jesus.

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MISS G. E. STEPHENSON
AS MARGARET OF
SCOTLAND.

At the History of Nursing
Dinner last May, Margaret of

Scotland was beautifully impersonated by Miss Shelagh Nunn-Patrick, who, however, could not go with us to Paris—so the character was taken by Miss Gladys E. Stephenson, who, as you see from her portrait, made a truly regal figure. We have to thank Miss Stephenson for sending her portrait from Central China, where she is at present Principal of the Hankow United School of Nursing at Hankow. She writes:—

"Our Methodist Hospital has been rebuilt and is a

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