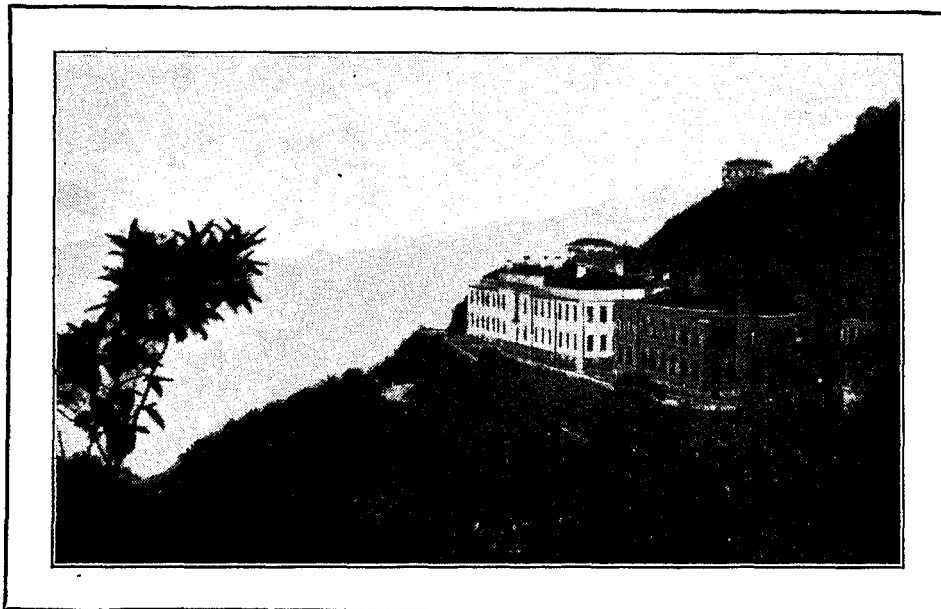


NEWS FROM CHINA.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL, HONG KONG.

Miss Ethel Riley writes from Hong Kong:

"I enclose three snapshots which I thought might interest you. I am not quite sure of the height above sea level at



General Block and Sisters' Quarters, Victoria Hospital.

which this Hospital stands, but I think it is about 1,200 ft. It is very cold just now, I have a lovely fire, cold enough for frost. You can judge how we stand out in the photograph, and away below and in the distance the buildings at the sea level. This hospital is chiefly for Europeans, and consists of a General block, Sisters' Quarters and a Maternity Block. At present I am in the Maternity Block.

The situation is delightful. Yesterday we were playing tennis, and looking down on to the harbour and away beyond to the range of hills in Kowloon. I thought how fortunate we were to have such a magnificent view. I enclose a cutting from the South China Morning Post, a list of the nurses who have passed the examination of the Nursing Board of Hong Kong, by which you will see that seven were awarded Honours.

Many years ago Miss Sloane (who was Principal Matron in Government hospitals, and retired just after I arrived seven years ago) and Dr. Gibson of the London Mission Hospitals were ambitious that Hong Kong should have some standard of nursing education and examination. Miss Girling carried on where Miss Sloane left off, and eventually the Chinese Hospitals realised the necessity for a Central Board and a general register. Some of the Chinese doctors and nurses who have qualified in Europe and America are very keen for an up-to-date Medical Service, but, as you can imagine, progress at times seems very slow

among a conservative people, and among the masses of the people, whose poverty is great.

However, the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services is very keen and progressive. In Kowloon there is a Medical Caravan, which travels into the New Territories, visiting certain villages certain days a week. There is a doctor and a dresser, they treat people and can perform minor operations. Where hospital treatment is indicated can advise and help the patient into hospital. The crowds of out-patients at the European Hospitals and the Chinese Hospitals giving Western treatment, show that the pioneer efforts were not in vain.

Welfare Centres are being established. V.D. Clinics being opened, so that there is plenty of scope for the Chinese Nurse trained in Western methods of medicine (and school nursing). Dressers are also very much needed—male nurses are here described as Dressers.

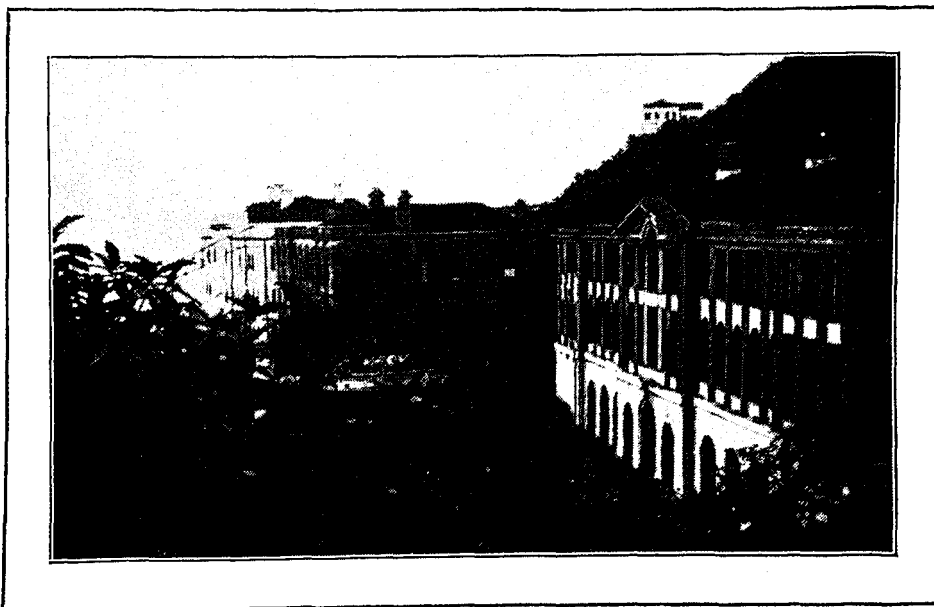
Nethersole Hospital is London Missionary Society's Hospital.

Yeung Wo Hospital is Chinese.

Tung Wah Hospital is Chinese, equivalent to the Poor Law Hospital in England, many years ago.

I have very pleasant memories of the Classes I attended at the British College of Nurses, and I read with interest of the visits to

the various Hospitals since my return to Hong Kong. Time goes very quickly. It is over two years since my return. I hope to have local leave in April and visit Peking, a visit I am eagerly looking forward to.



Maternity Block, Victoria Hospital.

I look forward to the *B.J.N.* each month. Mrs. McCarton (*née* Miss Joan Ferris) and wife of Eng.-Commander McCarton of H.M.S. *Tamar*, and I, when we meet talk of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and the old days in Oxford Street when members of the R.N.A."

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