

The buildings are almost all of wood with only a minimum of brick or mud, so had suffered heavily. Another bomb fell in the next street and about 12 in Hanyang, the small, poor town on the other bank of the river Han, just opposite to us. More wounded came later from that area.

Our Church Institute had a good many of its tiles blown off, windows blown out and doors forced out and smashed. Plaster and glass lay everywhere, the large heavy double entrance doors to the church itself, which were closed, jumped right out of their moorings into the vestibule, but by a miracle no one at all was hurt on the mission premises. Yet only a few feet away so many had suffered death and injury.

The Chinese are a most wonderfully patient people. Not one of us heard any of the victims or their relatives say a bitter word about Japan; they were just stunned and broken hearted. One man said to me: "Why should they want to kill us; we are only ordinary poor people; won't your country do something to help China?" We could only say we sympathised with all our hearts and longed to see the stronger nations realise their duty to a weaker neighbour in this most unjust and cruel war.

Some weeks before, an American mission hospital 12 miles from Shanghai had been completely destroyed, no less than eight or nine bombs being showered on it; 40 people were killed or injured, two Chinese doctors and some of the nurses. Another nurse had her arm blown from her body, while a doctor is still seriously ill with a brain injury.

We here have had two air raids since then, but the enemy were kept at bay outside the city by the anti-aircraft, which is doing good work everywhere. They are badly outnumbered by the enemy planes, however. Civilians are fleeing to the country villages.

Nanking has telegraphed asking this city to be responsible for 5,000 wounded being sent up from Shanghai. On Sunday, just as we had finished a short service in the wards, a message came asking us to admit a batch of 70 men at once. I passed the word to the nursing staff and they flew at once to give up their own beds and pack them into the wards. In just one hour 70 beds stood ready all made, with a clean suit of clothes on each bed and bath water being prepared in every available place. I never saw a quicker piece of work accomplished. When the men arrived in military lorries, they were at once attended to and each man had his evening meal, his wound dressed and was clean and comfortable in bed before 8 p.m.

A bank of the town has lent us a large warehouse for an emergency hospital and we are now hastily preparing it to receive several hundred men.

Girls and women of all classes are taking first-aid lessons and we shall have to manage with a few trained nurses in each emergency hospital and use these voluntary workers as the main staff. Our desperate need is for doctors; they are too few in this land. Our Nurses' School and Hostel Building has only reached its foundation stage, but we mean to go slowly ahead with it, and hope for the best. The Nightingale Brick will go into it in due course.

With greetings from all our nurses.

I am, yours sincerely,
GLADYS E. STEPHENSON.

£70,000 FOR RELIEF IN CHINA.

Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Red Cross Society, has announced that the result of the Lord Mayor of London's appeal for the relief of distress in China is about £70,000, as well as contributions in kind.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

Well-deserved Tribute to a Great Surgeon.

A very beautiful Memorial Tablet over the ashes of Sir Robert Jones was recently unveiled in Liverpool Cathedral by Lord Derby. It is the work of Mr. E. Carter Preston.

Women's Legion Motor Drivers' Reserve.

The objects of the Women's Legion Motor Drivers' Reserve were explained recently at a meeting at Londonderry House, Park Lane. The Legion was founded by Lady Londonderry in the very early days of the War. It was necessary now to reorganise it and to make it conform with modern conditions. It was proposed to train its members in various activities, including anti-gas precautions, first aid, car maintenance, signalling, stretcher drill, map reading, and elementary squad drill. The organisation would in the future consist of companies grouped in areas corresponding to the Army Commands.

The War Office and Women's Corps.

It was stated recently at the War Office that the Army Council have no intention of opening recruiting for any women's corps. There are certain women's voluntary organisations in existence, but the War Office has no direct connection with any of these as regards the supply of personnel.

Well-earned Honour.

The Royal Aero Club has announced that it has awarded its gold medal to Miss Jean Batten in recognition of her many Empire flights.

Miss Batten recently broke the flying record from New Zealand.

A Day of "Civil Solemnity."

April 25th, the anniversary of the death of the Marchese Marconi, is to be a day of "civil solemnity" or public holiday in Italy with the object of handing down to posterity the memory of the great scientist.

For Good Boys and Girls.

Approval has been obtained by the National Fitness Council for grants of money to be made to six big national voluntary organisations. These are the

- Boy Scouts' Association.
- National Association of Boys' Clubs.
- National Federation of Women's Institutes.
- Young Men's Christian Association.
- Young Women's Christian Association.
- National Council of Girls' Clubs.

A National Shrine.

Negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of Hughenden Manor, Bucks, for many years the home of the Earl of Beaconsfield.

It is hoped that it may be presented to the nation, thus ensuring the survival of a famous house and many of the relics it contains. There is a possibility that the Manor, which has changed little since Disraeli's time and still contains his library and pictures, will become a national museum.

Untimely Claimed by Death.

A beautiful monument to the late Queen Astrid of the Belgians has recently been unveiled at Stockel, near Brussels. A wealth of wreaths were placed at the foot of the statue after the ceremony. Many English nurses venerate the memory of this gracious Queen—so full of the joy of life—alas! so untimely claimed by death.

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