

## "HOSPITAL OF UNIVERSAL LOVE."

METHODIST GENERAL HOSPITAL, HANKOW,  
CENTRAL CHINA.

DEAR EDITOR,—We had two ghastly air raids last week, both of which killed and injured many people about a mile away from this hospital. The wounded were carried in here and several have died since, one died last night. This morning we had another raid, we clearly saw the twenty-four enemy planes that were visible from our hospital windows, as they soared high above the shots from the anti-aircraft guns. The detonations of the bombs they dropped shook the hospital and rattled the windows for several long minutes.

We were quiet over Xmas week and the Nurses gave themselves to making Xmas as happy as might be for the patients. The wounded soldiers were absolutely thrilled

brated it by a special photograph—a copy of which I enclose.

The grades have just come this week and we are to hold a quiet graduation service on Friday, D.V. A very beloved Bishop is to be present and the address is to be given by the Vice-President of the National Health Administration.

The river Yangke is too shallow between Nanking and Hankow to allow enemy warships to get here until about April, so it means they have to fight their way overland, which they are doing. They may get here in a few weeks, no one knows. The local authorities are giving free transport to 5,000 refugees daily to get out into the country villages around, away from the city, but still it seems to make no appreciable difference to the multitudes of refugees who throng the city from all north-east China.

Recently a noted speaker said here "That there was no

better national leadership than in China to-day—that months of suffering heroically borne in a Christian spirit was turning defeat into a moral victory." That is quite true, but oh! when will other countries be unselfish enough to stop Japan's exports and help to finish this wicked war with its criminal slaughter and disorganisation of a nation's life?

God keeps our hearts in peace, we have a great task to help our Chinese friends to keep hopeful and enduring.

Greetings to you all,  
GLADYS E.  
STEPHENSON.

### UNITED SCHOOL OF NURSING, HANKOW.

The exceedingly interesting picture on this page presents the very first class of nurses to graduate under the National Ministry of Education in China since the passing of the

Registration Law—nineteen women and seven young men. Ten of the girls, two front rows, are from the Methodist Hospital; the two top rows, including the men nurses, are from the Union Hospital, Hankow (a union between the London Mission and Methodist Mission).

Mr. James Liu is standing in the centre of the young men; he once visited the British College of Nurses in London, and was much interested in its work. Miss G. E. Stephenson, in centre front, is seated next to Dr. T. P. Lee, who was the representative sent by the Ministry of Education to supervise the Examinations. Miss May Isong and Miss S. Lee, at each end of the second row, are Sister Tutors. This is, indeed, an historic picture, and deeply interesting to those who worked day and night for the principle of Statutory Education and Registration for upwards of thirty years.

The photograph from which this picture is presented will be added to the History Section of the British College of Nurses and greatly valued.



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with it, they had never met Xmas before and the convalescent ones loved helping with the decorations. They were full of questions about all sorts of things, what Immanuel meant, what the Shepherds were doing, who were the Mandarins on camels, why did the Nurses sing carols around the wards at night, etc., etc. They didn't seem as though they could hear enough about the great story of the coming of the world's Saviour.

Then a glad thing happened in the School of Nursing. As so many hospitals have had to close in cities occupied by Japanese, and the Ministry of Education had to flee from Nanking, we never dared hope our Nurses might have their examinations arranged for them. But such of the officials that were in Hankow said, "Yes, they would arrange exams. for us as we were a registered school." On December 21st, 22nd and 23rd, they sent a doctor representative to consult with us and supervise the exams. And praise be, those three days were free of air raids and our 26 Nurses managed to get through them, then we cele-

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