

## HOSPITAL OF UNIVERSAL LOVE, HANKOW, CHINA.

The move down river to Shik-Huei-Yao of Miss Miriam Driver is indeed a loss to the Nursing School at Hankow. We find in the Report "A Reverie," signed by her, which we have sincere pleasure in placing on record for those sincerely interested in Mission work. It is a solace to those of us who deprecate the downward grade of nursing standards in Great Britain at the present time.

### A REVERIE.

By Miriam Driver.

Some time ago I read the life of Dr. Sidney Rupert Hodge, who worked in this hospital for twenty years. He was very keen on the training of nurses and dreamed of a day when women nurses would staff the hospital. If he could walk in now, he would rejoice to see his dream had come true, for in every ward, both in the men's and women's departments, he could see nurses carrying out treatments as efficiently as nurses of any other country.

During the past six years it has been my privilege to assist in the training of these nurses, especially in practical nursing.

It is a job I have thoroughly enjoyed and results have been gratifying. What makes the work much easier is when one realises the spirit of Christ pervades the hospital, and the patients, many of whom can neither read nor write, are made to feel His love by the way the nurses minister to their needs. As I look back on these past years I realise how much the standard of nursing efficiency has improved as more and more bright educated girls seek to enter the nursing profession.

The preliminary class I most enjoyed was the one held last September, when we had twenty-eight new students. To note their keenness as each step in nursing technique was explained and demonstrated was an impetus to one to give the very best one had to offer.

It was a thrilling sight when at the end of the course the students dressed in their new uniforms, so trim and smart, attended the ceremony held in the Chapel. There they received their caps, which was a sign of their final decision to become nurses. To hear them sing "Forward be our Watchword" was a great thrill as they marched out into the night bearing lighted candles, the candles being a symbol of the light of the knowledge of nursing being passed on. We, as missionary Nurses, have come, bearing our light, and are handing it down the years to nurses of this land, who will also carry it on and make dark places bright with its healing rays.

During the war and since, there has been an ever-growing spirit of comradeship between staff and students. I think it was because we were willing to stay and share in the sufferings they were called upon to endure. It made us all realise more vividly that "We are all one in Christ Jesus."

After morning devotions led by Sister Gladys each dawn in our dear little chapel, I usually take a few minutes' physical exercises and I think this is partly the reason why our girls are so fit. They go on duty to start the work of the day cheerfully and with vigour, so that the patients after perhaps a night of pain or sleeplessness are cheered and helped by the radiance on the nurses' faces.

Before deciding to be a missionary one can never learn too much. I for one have found everything has been of value since coming out here. I loved drawing at school and the gift has many times helped out my lack of Chinese when teaching as I was able to make my meaning clear by a blackboard sketch.

Girl Guiding helped in ingenuity, by my being able to make useful articles out of apparently useless materials.

To explain my meaning, this hospital, though better equipped than many mission hospitals, is run with the strictest economy, not only in the use of dressings and drugs but in everything that is used. So the care of hospital inventory has claimed my attention. In the linen dept. many useful articles have been made of so-called old linen sent to us, by friends at home. The head nurse in each ward is responsible for the inventory of her own ward, and she makes each student responsible for a section of it, so teaching them early in their training to shoulder responsibility.

This taking of responsibility is one of the most important parts of the training and we see in many students great possibilities of leadership. In fact, many of our students are taking posts of great responsibility in West China and we are proud of them, because never before in the history of China has there been such opportunities for women of ability and leadership as at this present time of crisis.

I do praise and thank God that He chose me to share in this work of training nurses. Not only in the practice of nursing, but the practice of nursing in the Spirit of Christ, which makes all the difference. He came to seek and to save and to give His life that men might know the love of God, and that is what we are endeavouring to do daily in this hospital. I praise and thank God, too, for the wonderful collegueship I have shared with both Chinese and English, and as I leave to take up fresh duties in a country hospital, I go with a deep debt of gratitude I can never fully repay for all the help, encouragement and understanding they have given. I would close with a verse of a hymn which we often sing which explains what is difficult to express in ordinary words:

"Praise for the fellowship that here we find,  
The fellowship of heart and soul and mind;  
Praise for the bonds of love and brotherhood  
Bonds wrought by Thee who makest all things good."

### NEW D.M.S.

The War Office announces that Colonel (temporary Brigadier) A. Hood, M.D., has been selected to succeed Lieutenant-General Sir William P. MacArthur as Director General, Army Medical Services, who retired on August 1st. Brigadier Hood graduated in the University of Edinburgh in 1910 and was commissioned in the R.A.M.C. in 1912.

### WHAT TO READ.

#### MEMOIRS AND BIOGRAPHY.

"The Prisoner at Laeken." Emile Cammaerts.

#### FICTION.

"Flotsam." Erich Maria Remarque.  
"The Earth is the Lord's." Taylor Caldwell.  
"Between the Acts." Virginia Woolf.  
"Looking for Trouble." Virginia Cowles.  
"The Madness of the Heart." Flora Sandströme.  
"Walk into My Parlour." Margaret Lane.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

"Remember Greece." Dilys Powell.  
"Valley of Forgotten People." George Sava.  
"To the People of Britain at War." R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia.  
"Thus Spake Germany." Introduction written by Lord Vansittart.  
"China Shall Rise Again." Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek.

#### TRAVEL.

"Middle East." H. V. Morton.  
"And So To Bath." Cecil Roberts.

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