

Shanghai and did what she could to look after N.A.C. affairs from there until the Post Office was again opened in Nanking, when she was one of the first ones to return. Then she held the fort until the return of Miss Tien. When communications were cut off from West China Miss Simpson assisted Miss Tien in making arrangements for assisting the schools in Occupied China by giving examinations and diplomas as formerly.

In 1941 she went home for a six months' furlough, but on returning it was not possible for her to go to Nanking, so she proceeded to Chungking. While there she acted as secretary of the Chungking Headquarters of the N.A.C. on behalf of the nurses in Free China. This work she had reluctantly to relinquish in December, 1944, when circumstances arose compelling the Consulates to request all of her age to return to their homelands. When peace came Miss Simpson did everything possible to return to China, but according to new rules and regulations of her Mission Board she had passed the age when this was possible.

Her heart is still in China, however. She has always been a favourite speaker in the home churches and during the past year she has been kept busy all the time talking about her beloved Foochow, and her much more beloved N.A.C. In this way she has well earned the title of General Secretary Emeritus, which was conferred upon her by the last October Conference of the N.A.C.

### NURSES' CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

It was a very happy gathering of nurses that filled the Board room at Charing Cross Hospital on May 7th for the Annual Meeting of the Nurses' Christian Movement, and very grateful thanks were expressed to the Matron, Miss D. M. Dickinson for her kind invitation.

The chairman, Lady Inman, spoke of the need of administering to the mind and spirit as well as to the body of a patient. Miss Topping followed with a report of the year's work of the movement in which she said that 603 new members had joined, and many nurses throughout the country had been finding a wonderful new experience of Jesus Christ.

The two missionary speakers were Miss Violet Taylor and Miss Margaret Barley, both from Africa. Miss Taylor told of the very primitive conditions that she had found when she went out in 1935 as the first woman missionary in a district about the size of Scotland. She described the ignorance and the superstitions which had made the work so difficult, and traced its development from an open-air clinic, where sand and dust interfered with everything, to the new modern maternity hospital opened three years ago. She also gave a glimpse of new difficulties arising through closer contacts between the African and the white man as the former comes into a civilisation which he cannot understand. For all these problems, the old and the new, the only solution lay in the teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Miss Barley told about the Leper Island in Ruanda, where she has worked since 1945, about the patients drawn from a very large area, some arriving in appallingly dirty conditions covered with sores, about the problems of work among those in the later stages, some almost mad with pain. She told too, of girl lepers who were radiant Christians ready to teach others and to help even on the "infectious" side of the colony. For "Jesus Christ is the only answer to the leper's suffering."

The last speaker was the Rev. L. Mervyn Charles-Edwards (Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields), who spoke of the close inter-relationship between health of body and health of mind and spirit, and urged the importance of remembering

that people are "personalities not just cases." Behind hospital work and the vocation of nursing lay the great Christian background that people matter because God is Father of all.

### APPOINTMENTS.

#### MATRON.

PRE-NURSING SCHOOL, ELGIN.—Miss Barbara Helen Moir, R.G.N., S.R.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, where she was later Sister Tutor and Senior Administrative Sister. Miss Moir has also been Matron at the York County Hospital, and has held posts at Kilmarnock Infirmary; Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen; Bretley Hall Orthopaedic Hospital, Burton-on-Trent, and holds a Housekeeping Certificate.

BOROUGH HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES, CROYDON.—Miss L. Grother, S.R.N., R.F.N., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Stephen's Hospital, London, and at the Willesden Municipal Hospital. Miss Grother has held the post of Matron at the Ashford Isolation Hospital, Kent.

BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, BELFAST.—Miss M. H. Hudson, S.R.N., R.S.C.N., S.C.M., has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and at the Royal Infirmary, Preston; and has been Housekeeping Sister at the Preston Royal Infirmary; and Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh.

#### NURSING SISTER.

##### Nigeria.

Miss A. P. Dick, S.R.N., S.C.M.; trained at Woodend General Hospital, Aberdeen, Perth Royal Infirmary, and the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen; she has also nursed at the Northern Nursing Home, Aberdeen; Stracathro Emergency Hospital, Brechin; and in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Miss Isabella Peter, S.R.N., S.C.M.; trained at Arbroath Infirmary; Stracathro Hospital and Perth Royal Infirmary; she has held appointments at Stracathro Hospital and in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Miss N. K. M. Wood, S.R.N., S.C.M.; trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, London, and Plaistow Maternity Hospital, London; she has recently been employed as a Staff Nurse.

Miss R. M. Cashmore, S.R.N., S.C.M.; trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London; Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, London, and Queen Charlotte's District Nursing Association; she has recently been engaged in private nursing.

Miss P. M. Coleman, S.R.N., S.C.M.; trained at Bristol Royal Infirmary; has held nursing appointments at London Clinic Nursing Home; Egyptian University Hospital, Cairo; Featherstone Lodge Nursing Home, Forest Hill, London, and in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. Part of her military nursing service was spent in West Africa.

##### Northern Rhodesia.

Miss Phyllis MacKenzie, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at Lambeth Hospital, London, and Peartree Maternity Home, Welwyn Garden City; she has held appointments at Lambeth Hospital, Surbiton Hospital, and in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Miss R. A. Rafferty, S.R.N., S.C.M., trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and Withington Hospital, Manchester; she has held nursing appointments at Blackburn Royal Infirmary.

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