

purchased out of the hospital's savings—the savings of many past years? We are saving all we can, but famine in the next province affects us here. We are just nicely paying our way; we cannot hope to save much this year. If anyone feels he must invest money in so excellent a work for God as this is, I feel sure you will be glad to send on to me or to my Mission House, 1, Coleman Street, E.C. There is so splendid a chance of work here that our small and cramped place, and the needs of the work amongst this people, who have no doctors themselves worth anything, make the need almost a worry and the very opportunity of service almost a pain. The appeal on all sides is for help. The Chinese call for bodily and spiritual help, and this is our personal aim. Pardon the length of my letter; away in the "heart of a dark place" the sympathy of the friends at home is of cheer and value. Again, many thanks for your interesting paper.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
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An Unjustifiable Attack.

Mercy and Truth, the organ of the Medical Mission Work of the Church Missionary Society, states in the July issue:—"The editor of a paper called the *Hospital* was good enough to send us a copy of the issue of May 2nd, and several friends also sent us copies, for in it there was a note on the Medical Missions of the C.M.S., in which the editor says:—

"More support would probably be obtained for them if the reports in which they are recommended to the public were more judiciously worded. No one to whom the plain facts themselves do not appeal is likely to be won over by the exaggerated expressions in which they are commonly clothed for publication. The sympathies, indeed, of many are probably turned aside by the adoption of an unctuous and emotional style which gives an appearance of cant and insincerity to work which in itself is solid and good. Another disfigurement is the frequent quotation of the speeches of native "converts" and patients."

"We called the editor's attention at once to the above extract, and, in reply to his request, forwarded copies of *Mercy and Truth*, a proof of the report which was read at our annual meeting in St. James's Hall, and subsequently a copy of 'Preaching and Healing.' We have again written, but he has not been able to point out the passages to which he referred, and we doubt if they exist in any of our C.M.S. publications."

Writing from Hang-chow Mrs. Main says, in reference to the fact that scarlet fever had broken out there:—"Hitherto the disease has been in China, but now we find that it has come to Hang-chow, we suppose by way of Shanghai, where it was very bad last year amongst the foreigners, also spreading to the natives." Enteric fever is another zymotic disease which follows in the wake of "foreign" occupation.

The Chicago Woman's Medical Club, which includes in its membership 200 women physicians, has decided that it is a good thing for women to wear half-hose, because they are cool and hygienically much to be preferred to the stockings now in vogue.

New Preparations, Inventions, &c.

HOVIS FOOD.

We have much pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the Foods for Infants and Invalids prepared by the Hovis Bread Flour Company, Ltd., Macclesfield.

These foods are of two kinds, one being intended for the first nine months of an infant's life—that is to say, up to the time when an infant nursed in the ordinary way is weaned—and another for the subsequent period.

These foods, No. 1 and No. 2, are prepared by a process that involves their sterilisation; they are almost entirely soluble, the first more so than the second, as this contains a small proportion of wheat flour, and when prepared with good cow's milk, according to the directions given, provide a diet in which no physiological requirement of the child is lacking. When, in addition to this fact, it is known that the foods are very reasonable in price, they claim the attention of all concerned in the feeding of infants by artificial means.

Food No. 2 is also useful for invalids. It may be prepared either entirely with milk, and flavoured with sugar, or, if less sweetness is desired, with half milk and half water, with the addition of a pinch of salt. In cases where there is acidity, a small pinch of bicarbonate of soda may usefully be added.

MALTOVA.

A useful preparation, where cod-liver oil cannot readily be taken, is Maltova, which is not merely a "malt extract," but, being, to a great extent, farinaceous, it is a dietetic auxiliary which is found to be of much value in cases of digestive debility and malnutrition. Maltova combines the well-known nutritive properties of concentrated egg proteid, with the digestive tissue-forming and bone-making properties of malt. It is thus a food which is suitable both in the case of ill-nourished children and in that of delicate adults, as it forms a valuable agent in producing healthy bone, flesh, nerve, and muscle. It has been used with success in cases of nervous and general debility, as, in addition to its other qualities, it is free from fermentative products. Maltova may be obtained from all leading chemists, the cost being 1s. 6d. per 8 oz. bottle, or, post free, 1s. 4d. from Maltova, Ltd., 11, New Station Street, Leeds.

The Summer Sales.

The summer sales are now in full swing, and the reduction in some useful goods is quite remarkable. Messrs. Debenham and Freebody, of Wigmore Street, make their sale quite a genuine affair, and we bought two charming hats for 7s. 6d. One a floppy pink silk, with snoods of black velvet, for 5s., and a smart blue travelling cap for 2s. 6d. That is what we call a "genuine reduction."

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