

space, but both forbid. It was, in a word, an unflinching pleasure to see the innocent happiness in the country life, the improved health and appetite, and the awakening interest in nature. We were often inclined to become quite despondent over having to send them back to town, and it is fortunate that after all they have many pleasures in the city and do not regard it with the same sadness that we do. One little lady of four years was overheard one night in bed talking to her next neighbour, aged five.

"Oh, we have a lovely time in the country," remarked this experienced traveller, "but two more nights, and then—dear, old New York."

LAVINIA L. DOCK.

Nurses' Missionary Union.

Last Wednesday, October 4th, there was an interesting meeting held in connection with the Nurses' Missionary Union on the occasion of bidding farewell to four of the members of the Union who are sailing this autumn to take up missionary work in Africa and China. Mrs. Druitt (*née* Radcliffe), who was trained at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, is going to Hausaland, N. Nigeria; Miss Everard, trained at Charing Cross Hospital, goes to Sierra Leone; Miss Thomas, trained at the Bristol General Hospital, is going to Fuh-Kien; and Miss Cropper, trained at the Leytonstone Infirmary, goes to Hankow.

By the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Habershon a large gathering of nearly 100 nurses and friends of the Union met in their house in Harley Street, at 7 p.m. After "tea and coffee" the meeting began, and Mr. Pearce Gould, though having only just returned from a long journey, most kindly presided. The special interest of the occasion was to have with us Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Druitt, who are sailing on October 14th for Zaria, Hausaland. Mrs. Druitt will be the first lady missionary to go into this comparatively new mission field, and as she has been a member of the N.M.U. for nearly two years, we were glad to have this opportunity of commending her and the others mentioned above to God's care and blessing in the new work before them.

Dr. Druitt gave an interesting account of the people of Hausaland and their customs and the medical missionary work that Dr. Walter Miller and he have been able to carry on among them amid many difficulties and in spite of much opposition and prejudice. Then, the Secretary having said a few words about the N.M.U. and its motto—"The Evangelisation of the World in this Generation"—Mrs. Druitt, Miss Cropper, and Miss Thomas each gave a message to their fellow nurses, and spoke of the help and encouragement it had been to them to belong to the N.M.U., and of the joy they had in now being actually on their way to the foreign mission field, and asked all still left at home to remember them in prayer in their new life-work.

Miss E. van Sommer, who has several times visited W. Africa to help and cheer the missionaries in their varied work, then gave the farewell address, which was full of loving counsel and encouragement, one of the chief thoughts being that it was the assurance that it was indeed "the Lord, even Jesus, had sent them," and the confidence that "He that hath sent me is with me," which give strength and courage and comfort when in a distant land far away from home and friends, and surrounded by many difficulties.

Preparations, Inventions, &c.

PLEATED COMPRESSED BANDAGES AND DRESSINGS.

Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., of Snow Hill Buildings, E.C., are always to the fore in regard to inventions and improvements for the convenience of their clients. Their "Tabloid" Brand of Compressed Drugs has been in such wide demand that the name was applied a few years since by another firm to its own productions. Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome, however, successfully proved their exclusive right to its use in a court of law. They have now brought out a set of pleated compressed bandages and dressings, which will no doubt be as greatly in demand as their compressed drugs. They will specially be appreciated in our colonies and abroad, for the cost of carriage of the necessary supplies forms no small item in the expenses of a hospital when such supplies have to be sent all the way from England. The compressed dressings are packed with the daintiness characteristic of this firm, first in a specially-prepared paper, and then in tin foil. The amount of space saved by this method may be exemplified by the fact that a packet containing two Esmarch bandages measures only 2½ in. by 2 in. by 1½ in. Amongst the Tabloid Brand Pleated Compressed Bandages and Dressings are flannel and other bandages, absorbent wool between gauze like gamgee tissue, absorbent cotton wool, borax wool, and double cyanide wool, borax lint, sal alembroth gauze, lint, and carbolyzed tow. We feel sure that all of these will be widely appreciated.

COMPERICUM.

We desire to direct attention to Garrad's "Compericum," formerly known as Compound of Hypericum, which is highly recommended as an application for the prevention of bedsores, or as a dressing when they have already occurred. It is prepared only by Mr. Garrad, Chemist, 144, The Parade, Leamington, the wholesale agents being Barclay and Sons, 95, Farringdon Street, London. "Compericum" is a liquid preparation which is applied with a camel's hair brush, and may be used generally for abrasions and soreness of the skin. It is also recommended for the relief of the various forms of eczema.

Compericum is sold in bottles at 1s. 1½d., 2s. 9d., 4s. 6d., and 11s., or post free 1s. 3d., 3s. 9d., 4s. 9d., and 11s.; it has been supplied by the Proprietor for nearly fifty years, and the success which has attended its use has induced him to place it more prominently before the public. The name "Compericum" has been registered as a trade mark to prevent substitution by unscrupulous persons.

The agent employed in the dressing of bedsores is frequently left to the discretion of the nurse, in which case she cannot do better than give a trial to "Compericum."

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