

The Nazareth Hospital.

If there is one place in the world where a hospital should be established, surely it is at Nazareth, the centre of our Lord's ministry when on earth, so much of which was devoted to the healing of the sick. The hospital which the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society proposes to build on the hill slope on the west side of the town has therefore a special claim on the interest and support of the faithful, more especially when we learn that the Society has been at work in Nazareth since 1866, that for the last forty years Dr. Vartan has laboured at his post, and that the patients are drawn not only

augmented, when it moves into larger quarters. As a sample of the kind of cases which apply for treatment, we read of a man who arrived with his thigh bound up in dirty and blood-stained clothes. He proved to be suffering from a gunshot wound through the thigh, which had splintered the bone. The wound was five days old, and the village "wise women" had stuffed black gunpowder into the tissues and tied the wound up tight, so that it was septic when the patient was admitted. Then there was a Bedouin woman with diseased bone in the leg, requiring operation, who told a sad tale of cuttings and burnings by native "quacks" for many months past. It



Shofika. Colporteur. Colporteur. Miriam. Dispenser. Atena.
Dr. Scrimgeour. Dr. Vartan. Nurse Johncock.

from the town itself, of some 10,000 inhabitants, but from Galilee and beyond Jordan, from Cana, Endor, Nain, and Jezreel. Recently, to lighten Dr. Vartan's work, the Society appointed Dr. Scrimgeour to be his colleague, and a small temporary hospital has been opened which, however, is quite inadequate to meet the needs of the locality. Miss Johncock, from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, is Nurse-in-Charge, and is assisted in the domestic department by Miss Davies, and by three Syrian probationers. We have pleasure in printing on this page a picture of the staff of the hospital, which we hope will soon be

is for cases such as these that the new hospital is urgently needed. When built it will be a prominent landmark on the Nazareth hillside, visible to all dwellers in the plain from the base of Tabor to Megiddo, and from it a clear view will be obtained over the plain of Esdraelon, with the Jordan valley visible towards the East, and Mount Carmel towards the West.

Almost as soon as it is daylight patients begin to arrive, some having travelled half the night by the light of the full moon in order to reach the hospital early. They come on foot, on horseback, on donkeys, and even on camels.

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