

send us nurses, for we cannot get on without them."

THE ALL-SUFFICIENCY OF GOD.

The closing address in the morning was given by Miss W. Sedgwick, Travelling Secretary of the Student Christian Movement, and was a devotional one on the above subject. We do not, said the speaker, realise our own insufficiency because we do not venture on big enough things, but keep along the line of least resistance. If we realised that

"His Grace and Power are such
None can ever ask too much."

we should make bigger ventures of faith.

THE AFTERNOON CONVERSAZIONE.

In the afternoon the guests were received by Miss Davies-Colley, Matron of the Mildmay Memorial Hospital, and the Secretary, Miss Richardson.

Tea and coffee, music and recitations, passed the time very pleasantly, and many members recorded their choice in regard to the specimens for a Badge for the League, which were submitted for their approval.

The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., who said that she had seen a great deal of missionary work in India, and once, when no Matron was obtainable nearer than England, had done Matron's duties for six weeks. It was an experience she never regretted, as it had given her a practical insight into the work and needs of nurses, without which she would never have known their wants and feelings so well.

Those whom she was addressing had heard the call of the Mission Field, but it might be they had an inward call to work for which there was no outward call. She herself would like to return to the Mission Field, but the outward call was not there. Could not nurses in a similar position pass on the call to someone else? Nurses had more influence than most people. To the nurse patients and their friends turned for inspiration. Perhaps one of these might doubt capacity and vocation, and the nurse might help to smooth the way.

Mrs. Scharlieb concluded a most inspiring address by wishing God speed to the members of the Nurses' Missionary League, and success as evangelists and nurses.

THE EVENING MEETING.

Miss Margaret Outram presided at the evening meeting, and spoke of the encouraging outlook. The first time the League met to bid farewell to its sailing members they numbered two. That night 17 were about to sail or had already sailed, and before the year closed it was expected they would number 28 or 29.

Of those going out, five were going to India, four to China, and the others would be scat-

tered singly, but what of the many places to which no nurses were going? For instance, Dr. Emmeline Stuart reported that when she first went to Persia the doors were practically closed; there was no hospital, no appliances; now the doors were open wide and hospitals ready, but there was no nurse, and she was alone. The Chairman said that she personally knew thirty lady doctors in the Mission Field, and all wanted more helpers.

Miss Richardson then gave an interesting account of the year's work, after which each of the sailing members spoke a few words.

Miss Manwaring (Prince of Wales' Hospital, Tottenham), proceeding to the Punjab, who said that the suffering in hospitals at home, where there was every attention, was sometimes almost more than one could bear. Was not the appeal of the thousands abroad without any one to relieve them irresistible?

Miss Lacey (Guy's), proceeding to Peshawar, an important frontier station, where her work will, she explained, lie mostly among the Pathans.

Miss G. Tapper (Lambeth Infirmary), proceeding to Bengal, who urged her hearers not to shrink from offering for service abroad.

Miss E. G. Williams (Mildmay Mission Hospital), proceeding to Gaza, who said that a missionary had written home, "sorrow and trouble are here, as they are in England, but here they are unrelieved."

"Go to those who need you,
Go first to those who need you most."

Miss E. F. Pitt (Mildmay Mission Hospital), proceeding to China, who said that words failed to express her feelings when she recently paid a visit to Dublin, and a member of the Dublin University Mission exclaimed: "Here's the nurse we have been waiting for for three years."

Miss McCracken (Prince of Wales' Hospital, Tottenham), proceeding to Tangiers, who asked the prayers of the League not only for herself but for those she was leaving behind.

Miss Sears (General Hospital, Rugby), proceeding to Turkey in Asia, who said that the day was one of the happiest in her life. Her destination had only been decided that morning, and she sailed on the 20th.

Miss Frodsham (St. Bartholomew's Hospital), a returned member from Deri Gaza Khan, who bore the marks of active service, spoke of the great need of nurses. The nearest nurse to her was 45 miles away, and another large centre 240 miles distant had no nurse at all.

THE CLAIMS OF THE MISSION FIELD.

Miss Macfee then gave a graphic account of

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