

had given enough Blaud's pills to last for a week, and who returned the next day for more. Questioned, she said that she had taken those supplied as one dose. "After that," said the speaker, "we thought she must have an iron constitution."

She emphasised that the need for workers in China at the present day cannot be exaggerated. The crisis at present was unique, the doors were open wide for the heralds of the Cross to pass through. And yet—and yet—though every one in the mission field was overworked funds were wanting, not only to send new workers out to take advantage of new openings, which might later be closed if the present opportunity was not seized, but even to send back workers on furlough.

The speaker also told the story of a clergyman who, feeling that very few workers were sent out to the mission field from his parish, preached two wonderful sermons on the subject, and said that he would be in the vestry after the service if anyone wished to volunteer for work abroad. After a time a timid knock was heard at the door, and his own daughter appeared. "Father," she said, "I have thought about what you said, and I should like to offer for mission work," and the father replied, "Oh, but my darling, I didn't mean you." "Until," said Miss Tippet, "we are willing to give to the point of sacrifice little will be done."

The exhibits which were arranged on stands round the room, included models of hospitals, interesting photographs, native appliances, native work, bark cloth from Central Africa, anklets from the West Coast, and other things whose name was legion. The book stall of the Nurses' Missionary League, always a prominent feature at its meetings, was specially attractive, and amongst the pamphlets on sale were "The World's Need," a reprint of addresses given to the League, and published in this Journal, and its new Hymn Book.

We must not omit to mention the Chinese Dispensary, which vividly depicted the difficulties of the workers when patients imagine that wounds can be treated without the removal of dressings, and that ointments are supplied for their personal consumption.

#### THE EVENING MEETING.

At the Annual Meeting of the League in the evening, Mr. McAdam Eccles, F.R.C.S., presided, and opened it with a devotional address. He stated that the League had now 1,500 members, 500 of whom were volunteers for foreign service. When one considered the field for their labours, however, they could only be regarded as the disciples regarded the five

loaves and the two small fishes—"What are they amongst so many?" Nevertheless, they could be multiplied by the power of Christ. The League was a power both at home and in the Mission Field, where the fields were white unto the harvest.

The General Committee was then elected for the ensuing year, the Chairman of the meeting succeeding Mr. Herbert Lankester, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed, as Chairman of the Committee. A similar vote was accorded to Miss Maxwell, the retiring Treasurer, and Miss E. F. Mackenzie elected in her place. Miss Mackenzie then gave an interesting address on "Vocation," and Miss Tippet followed. Speaking of "The Open Door" and the urgency of the need for nurses, she disclaimed all need of sympathy in her chosen work, and said "Had I twenty lives every one of them should go to China, and, if need be, be laid down there." No nurse, she said, need be afraid of not having enough responsibility and scope, they were unlimited. The greatest hardship was to know what might be done, and had to be left undone for lack of workers.

In regard to nurses who were uncertain as to their "call" to mission work she claimed that the need and the ability to meet it constituted the call, and one day they would have to answer the question as to why they did not respond. There was a golden opportunity now to go in and possess the land which might never return. Nevertheless, the hospital to which she belonged was now closed for lack of workers. On August 26th she hoped to set her face Chinaward and open it again.

The Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, M.A., who gave the closing address, spoke of the importance of being happy. Incidentally he told the tale of a curate who was drilling a Band of Hope in its songs, and said, "Now children, we will take 'Little drops of water,' and put plenty of spirit into it." His recipe for happiness was "If you are not happy, get happy; if you have got happy, keep happy; to do that make other people happy."

The members of the Manchester Branch of the Hospital Officers' Association recently spent a full and pleasant day in London. They were met on their arrival by Mr. Walter Alvey (Secretary of Charing Cross Hospital), the President, and other officers of the Association, and the day's programme included visits to the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, St. Thomas's, Charing Cross, the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, in the morning, then an adjournment for the President's luncheon at the Hotel Russell, and afternoon visits to the London Hospital, and St. Bartholomew's, where tea was provided.

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