

man receives all the glory, but should the patient be beyond his skill then it is the will of the Great Spirit that the patient should die and die he does under his verdict. Much value is attached by the medicine men to the deafening sound of the drum, as it is supposed that such a noise in the patient's room drives away the evil spirit."

Heartaches, disappointments, discouragements, and loneliness are inseparable from the work. Yet it has its lights as well as its shadows, and very much to encourage. The worker needs patience, infinite patience. First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. It may be ours to see the blade only. Some must be content to sow, knowing well that others will reap.

Literature tells us that the work of a nurse is a powerful auxiliary to the furtherance of the gospel, a leading feature of the present age. To save life, to minimise bodily affliction, to nurse with tender care the diseased and distressed is to gain an honest and powerful hold upon the affections, and this can be utilised to teach them the ways of His true and beautiful religion. No training better fits a woman for mission work than that of the hospital. Alas! how few enter with this object in view, yet one could not make a better investment with her life. There are brilliant exceptions, but as a class do we not need our light removed from under the bushel of selfishness? Are we not too much taken up with self and self-interest? Do we not often imagine we are serving God when in fact we are only serving ourselves?

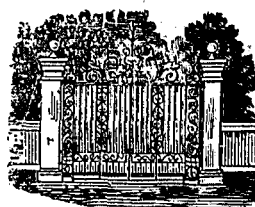
In view of the fact that there is such a dearth of candidates for the mission fields—fields which are white unto the harvest—would it not be well for our undergraduates to have the opportunity of occasionally listening to missionary addresses in the class room? It could easily be arranged and far-reaching might be the results. It certainly would have a tendency to fan the spark in those who had an inclination for the work, awaken the spirit in others and be a source of inspiration to all.

We owe much to the Indians. Are we not the possessors of their happy home of years gone by? Should we not give them something instead? *(To be concluded.)*

H.M. Consul at Davos reports that by the compulsory disinfection of rooms that have been occupied by persons suffering from tuberculosis, the danger of tuberculous infection is immensely reduced, especially in comparison with places where invalids are said not to be taken, and no precautions are observed.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The Universal Races Congress, which was held last week at London University, represented 50 different races under the chairmanship of Lord Wear-dale. One of the most interesting pronouncements

was contained in a letter from Olive Schreiner, in which she said:—"In South Africa the question of how ennobling and harmonious human relations can best be attained between the light and dark races which build up our nation is not one of merely abstract intellectual interest; it is the root problem on the solution of which our whole future national life depends. We have in our population five or six millions of dark races, many of them belonging to the ablest and most highly developed of African races, and we have a million or more of more or less white persons, forming for the moment a dominant caste. . . . The future of our nation depends on our fulfilling our obligation as a dominant caste to-day. If, as we break down the social institutions, tribal life and often very high moral sense of social obligations which has governed our native races in the past, we turn to him only the lower side of civilisation; if we compel him to graduate in the school of the wine-shop and the white man's brothel and fail to impart to him our higher education and yield to him no place in the body politic of our national life; the future of South Africa, not for the black man alone, but yet more for the white, is one which we who are the children and lovers of South Africa cannot look forward to without dark foreboding."

The Royal College of Physicians of London have added Newnham College to the list of institutions recognised by the Examining Board as places of instruction in chemistry, biology, and physiology.

Miss Eileen Edna le Poer Power, Girton College, Cambridge, has been elected to a Shaw Research studentship of the value of one hundred guineas a year for two years at the London University.

"Working Women and Divorce" is the title of a pamphlet reviewing the evidence given on behalf of the Women's Co-operative Guild before the Royal Commission on Divorce. The opinions which it sets forth were given in answer to questions addressed by circular to branches and members of the Guild, a working-class organisation composed exclusively of women almost all of whom are married. The inquiry brought to light an overwhelming demand for drastic reform of the divorce law, a reform which would place women on the same footing as men.

The California State Nurses' Association, at its

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