

3. "Belief and Doubt: What are they? Do they make any difference?" (Nov. 15th.)
4. "The Bible: Its value to-day." (Nov. 22nd.)
5. "Prayer." (Nov. 29th.)

Among those who have already consented to speak are the Rev. P. Walde, the Rev. H. P. Cronshaw, the Rev. Dundas Harford, and the Rev. R. Horton, D.D. Full particulars as to the times of the lectures will be announced later.

Sale of Work.—The Sale of Work will be held at Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, on Saturday, November 25th, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is hoped that members will send in quantities of saleable articles, which should reach Miss Richardson by the end of October; and that they will also try to make the sale known, and to either come themselves, or get their friends to come as purchasers?

Miss E. T. Fox (of East Bridgford Hall, Notts), is glad to have received a few pairs of eyeglasses, in response to the request made in the August Leaflet. She could, however, make use of many more in her work in N. India. Some of our readers may be able to supply this need.

Letters.—Miss E. Hope Bell, who has just gone to China, wrote from the Red Sea:—

"We reached Algiers on a Sunday, and as the ship had to coal there we were driven on shore by the dust. It is a curious mixture of a French town and Africa. Fashionable French ladies and closely veiled Moslem women riding side by side on electric trams! Some of the Moslem women were wearing French shoes, with high heels and pointed toes! It was curious, too, to see the Arabs sitting outside restaurants drinking chocolate. The most interesting thing to us was a Roman Catholic Church, which had once been a Mohammedan mosque. In so many places, unfortunately, it has been *vice versa* that we went into it with the greater interest . . . The Suez Canal was very fascinating—peeps of the desert, camels at work on the banks, Egyptian and Arab people. It was fascinating in the daytime, but by moonlight it was wonderful. The sand on either side looked like snow."

A member of the League, Miss B. E. Simmons, who was present at the last Farewell Meeting, sailed for Beru, Gilbert Islands, directly afterwards. A returning missionary, who was in the same party, wrote as follows:—

"We voyaged to Fiji in the s.s. "Tofua," and at Levuka found the Mission Ship awaiting for us. A very enthusiastic welcome awaited us from our students and pupils at Ronorono, Beru, and from the people of the seven villages on the Island; they were as glad to have us back as

we were to be back again. Our hearts were filled with gladness to meet once again our loyal friend and helper, Pastor Iupeli, who has done such faithful work for Christ here for so many years, and work just as faithful and more so while we have been away on furlough. The Station looked well, and everything was in good order; and best of all there were evident tokens of God's abiding blessing.

"After landing all goods from the Mission Ship, we spent twelve days among the people of the five islands under our care—Beru, Onotoa, Arorao, Tamana, and Nikunau (approximate population 8,200) and everywhere we had good times with our people, who gathered in great force to the services.

"Great pleasure was everywhere evinced at the arrival of the new lady missionary, Miss B. E. Simmons, who seems very happy indeed that God has granted to her the great desire of her heart, and has accepted her service in the cause of Christ's Kingdom. Please pray for her."

All information, concerning the Nurses' Missionary League, can be obtained from Miss H. Y. Richardson, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.

ELEMENTARY MEDICAL TRAINING FOR MISSIONARIES.

Much attention has recently been devoted to the subject of the preparation of missionaries for work abroad, and among other subjects it has been clearly shown that some elementary knowledge of medical subjects is a vital necessity for all. The time which should be spent on this study varies according to the part of the world in which the intending Missionary expects to work, those labouring in isolated spheres needing the longest periods of training. Livingstone College, which makes special provision for this branch of Missionary training, has arranged courses of study, theoretical and practical, suitable for the case of all men going to the Foreign Mission field, varying in length from nine months, which is the full session, to one week of lectures on Tropical Hygiene. This last is the only course which is open to women as well as men; not that it is less necessary for women to have some knowledge of elementary medical subjects, but because in their case a course of practical nursing is probably the best preparation for missionary life abroad.

In view of the financial difficulties which are being experienced by many of the missionary societies, there is a danger lest this branch of missionary education should be overlooked. Seeing that this may be a matter of life and death for the Missionary and those dependent

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