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THE SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Miss Kirkpatrick spoke of the spiritual life of the ideal nurse, and likened its spaciousness to the moors in the north, where she had lately been staying, where, as soon as one high point was reached, another still higher presented itself to view. The life of a nurse afforded many opportunities for the development of the spiritual life. To alter a word in a verse in the "Christian Year":—

Nurses, behold your happy state:
Christ is in these who round you wait;
Make much of your dear Lord.

As nurses whose lives should be emulated by those coming after them, the speaker mentioned the "Lady with the Lamp," Agnes Jones, concerning whom she quoted Bishop Alexander's beautiful epitaph, recently printed in this journal, and Sister Dora, with her ceaseless prayer for every case.

There was a shady side even of nursing. A popular Irish dean had spoken of nurses in her presence as "ministering minxes," and on one occasion when she had asked a nurse, whose lap was full of love letters, to give necessary attention to a patient, for the relief of pain, the nurse's reply was "bother Spragg."

The powers of a nurse were vast, and for that reason she should cultivate the spiritual life. Her watchword, indeed, might be "For the sake of my patients I sanctify myself."

The key to all work was love, but a nurse's love for her patient might develop into an unholy passion.

THE CALL OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH HUMANITY.

After an interval Miss Macfee spoke of the call of Jesus Christ, through humanity, to the nurses of the world, touching on the problems of the day, and the share of nurses in their solution, including the call of the Master to work abroad. If a nurse heard that call and went on nursing the sick at home would the verdict be, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the sick in distant lands ye did it not unto Me?"

THE CALL TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

The last speaker in the morning was the Rev. Austin Thompson, who said that the question of vocation was not an easy one to settle. It meant the response of the individual to God's call, leaving it to Him to work it out. Contentment to go or stay as He willed—that was vocation.

THE CONVERSAZIONE.

In the afternoon Mrs. Carless and Mrs. Foster were the hostesses at a friendly and informal conversazione, which afforded opportunity for social intercourse between home members and those from the mission field, and some excellent piano and vocal solos gave much pleasure.

Later Mrs. Ashton Bond, of Toro Hospital, Uganda, gave an interesting address on its work. Mrs. Hodgkin, who presided, spoke of the need for nurses in the mission field. She instanced two hospitals which she visited. The condition of the first, which had no nurses, was such that she "could not decently say what she thought of it," but she did speak to the doctors, who said, "we are doctors, not nurses. We do not know how to do the work." In the second there was no need to ask if a nurse was there, the condition of the hospital testified to her presence. There was a marvellous work for nurses abroad.

Mrs. Bond described the native treatment, which is mixed up with witchcraft and superstition and heathen rites, and is often worse than none at all. Thus coughs are treated by burning, to let the cough out. In one case brought into the hospital a hole had been burned right into the lung. She emphasized the need of sending out thoroughly good nurses for work abroad. It was sometimes thought that any one was good enough for a missionary nurse.

EVENING VALEDICTORY MEETING.

Mr. F. Marcus Wood, who for 25 years has been a missionary in China, presided at the evening meeting, when Miss Richardson gave some brief statistics concerning the League. Of the sailing members 9 were proceeding to China, 4 to India, and 3 to Africa. Miss McCormick, proceeding to Srinagar, was the sixteenth trained at the Mildmay Mission Hospital; Miss Clifton, proceeding to Shanghai, the ninth trained at Guy's; and Miss Gee, proceeding to the Congo, the seventh trained at the London. She had given these and other numbers hoping that there might be a holy rivalry between the various hospitals. What could be done by the members at home to help the work abroad? "Pray, brethren, pray." They must at all costs be faithful in intercession.

Each of the "sailing members" able to be present then spoke a few words. Miss Clouting, trained at the London, proceeding to West China, said that she hoped very much to be able to train Chinese women, so that the work might go on in widening circles. Miss Olive Bolton,

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