

room at eleven, along came our friend Lafferty, singing,

'Here's to the land of the glacier blue,
Where you get the hootch-en-noo,
The mystic draught of Siwash brew.'

"Evidently he had more of the mystic brew that time than he could handle well. His watch said ten, and he was angry. Some well-meaning bar-tender in order to save us a little inconvenience had turned the time-piece back.

"In this world there are some strange people, but Alaska attracts a great percentage of them. Our lot as nurses in this land falls sometimes in rough places where we see much of the seamy side of life, and variable incidents of pathos and comedy, as this hastily drawn picture—which we might term a sketch in charcoal—will show. But there is much good work to be done and beauty to be found, like diamonds in the rough, and, after all, our lines of duty lie much the same the world over."

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

At the fourth of the series of Lectures held at the University Hall, Gordon Square, the Rev. Dundas Harford spoke on "The Bible: its value to-day." He showed how, in spite of controversy the Old Testament including the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms, have a very real value as giving a wider view of God's purpose in the world and as showing the preparation for the new Covenant; and then he spoke of the four great divisions of the New Testament, and the distinctive message of each. He closed with an appeal to his hearers to show forth the Gospel in their own lives. "There are many among your patients who are watching you day by day who will not read the four Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But there is one Gospel which all will read, the Gospel according to you and me."

The Chairman, H. Crichton Miller, M.D., then spoke for a few moments about the people who think they have "no use for" the Bible, those who ridicule, who scoff, and who patronise; and showed how the world's judgment has been all against them as represented in their chief exponents Voltaire, Huxley and Mrs. Eddy.

The last of the Course of Lectures was delivered on November 29th. The Chairman, Dr. Carless, briefly introduced the subject of the evening, "Prayer," emphasizing particularly the fact that prayer must never take the place of effort, that we must never expect God to do for us what we ought to do ourselves. The Rev. R. F. Horton, D.D., then delivered his lecture, in which he mainly dwelt upon the atmosphere of prayer, continuance in prayer, and the answers to prayer. He also spoke of the use of the Bible in prayer, and of the fact that prayer is not a simple operation, it does not consist simply of petition, but of meditation, adoration, confession, intercession, thanksgiving, and finally acts of faith, in which God's answers are appropriated.

HOSPITAL COMFORTS FOR TERRITORIALS.

At a meeting of the Grand Committee of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, City and County of London, held at the Mansion House last May, the following recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Hospital Supplies were adopted:

1. That steps should at once be taken to furnish a supply of such hospital garments and other necessaries as would not be provided on mobilization for the Territorial Hospitals for London.
2. That for this purpose each member of this Association be invited to contribute the sum of 5s. or two garments annually.
3. That a Standing Committee be formed, to be known as the Standing Committee for Hospital Supplies, to undertake the organization and direction of this work and the storage of finished articles. This Committee to consist of the three Hon. Officers, the four Principal Matrons, and eight Members chosen from the Grand Committee; two of the elective members to retire each year and to be ineligible for re-election within twelve months of their retirement.
4. That the decision as to articles required should rest with this Standing Committee, and that all such articles be made to a standard pattern, both as to form and material, approved by the same Committee.
5. That the object of the Standing Committee should be to acquire and maintain a stock of garments, etc., equal to the requirements of the four Hospitals for London, the surplus supply being divided between the civil hospitals represented by the Principal Matrons, or any other Hospitals connected with the Territorial Force and approved by the Committee. This division not to take place until the standard has been reached.

At a subsequent meeting a committee was elected to carry out the work, which met recently at the residence of Lady Dimsdale (Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee), who is interesting herself in its work. The title of "The Committee for Territorial Hospital Comforts" was adopted, and the Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton consented to act as hon. secretary. Several practical suggestions were accepted. Amongst the comforts which the committee will supply are small pillows, bed-jackets, shirts, pyjama-suits, operating gowns, long woollen stockings, dressing-gowns, socks, vests, and many other comforts named in the War Office list which can be bought.

It is hoped the public will support the work patriotically, there ought to be no difficulty in securing everything required without delay.

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