

children. Amongst these advantages are the facilities they afford. The clinic provides appropriate methods of treatment not otherwise normally adequate to the demands; it provides treatment for cases that would otherwise never be treated; more continuous treatment and greater individual attention; through it, it is possible to provide for the dental treatment of all children, and for the re-inspection of treated cases; it facilitates attention without delay, long journeys, and long waiting, and control and regularity of attendance; it serves to build up intimate relations and personal knowledge among parents, teachers, doctors, and children, and makes possible the scientific study of the life history of the children and ultimately of the community. Against these and other substantial advantages the only disadvantages alleged are that the clinics are to a limited extent only applicable to more or less populous districts, and that they are apt to lessen parental responsibility, but, in regard to the latter point, the School Medical Officer for Exeter is of opinion that "by drawing attention to unsuspected, but significant slight defects parental responsibility has been increased rather than diminished."

The author points out, and all nurses will agree, that though nurses are competent to discharge with great efficiency much of the routine work of treatment, and it is unnecessary to employ medical men where nurses can do the work, it should always be under the supervision of a doctor.

The School Clinic must of necessity have many departments, in addition to its general medical department, which includes the treatment of minor ailments, cleansing schemes, and the X-Ray treatment of ringworm, ophthalmic, dental and orthopædic departments, as well as operative work are included in its scope. One of the most interesting and recent developments is the orthopædic department for the treatment, by means of medical gymnastics and massage, of certain forms of physical deformity. There are at present only five of these, the largest and best-equipped being the orthopædic clinic at Dunfermline. Our illustration shows the treatment of spinal curvatures in this clinic, which is in charge of a Swedish expert from Dr. Arvedson's Gymnastic Institute at Stockholm.

(To be concluded.)

The Coatbridge Town Council have agreed to pay the legal expenses, amounting to £225, incurred by Dr Hamilton, Medical Officer, and Miss Stenhouse, ex-Matron at the Coathill Fever Hospital, in connection with the Local Government Board Inquiry.

## NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

### THE VALEDICTORY MEETINGS.

The Valedictory Meetings to bid God-speed to twenty-four Members of the Nurses' Missionary League, who sail for the Mission Field this year, will be held at University Hall, Gordon Square, W.C., on Monday, September 29th. The morning session Miss E. E. Overton will preside, and it will be opened with a Devotional Address to be given by Miss F. M. Daniel, to be followed by a Demonstration Bible Circle, conducted by Miss J. Macfee, B.A. After an interval the following addresses will be given: (1) "The Call of the Mission Field; Why am I going back?" by Miss M. Wade, Dohnaour, S. India; and (2) "A Mission Hospital from inside," by Miss A. G. Lillingston, L.R.C.P., Bangalor, S. India. There will be an opportunity for social intercourse, when tea and coffee will be served from 10 to 10.15, and during the interval.

### AFTERNOON CONVERSAZIONE.

An Afternoon Conversazione will be held from 2.30 to 5 p.m. The following ladies will act as hostesses: Mrs. Carless, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Fox, and Miss A. C. Gibson. All nurses, whether members of the League or not, are cordially invited to meet Sailing Members, nurses from the mission field, missionaries, and members of the committee. Short addresses will be given by Miss C. Watney, Uganda, Miss M. Williams, Sierra Leone; also by Miss C. M. Ironside, M.B., Persia, and Miss R. E. Glanville, M.B., B.S., India. During the afternoon there will be music, and tea and coffee will be served.

### EVENING VALEDICTORY MEETING.

Mr. W. McAdam Eccles, F.R.C.S., will be in the Chair at the Evening Session, when the Sailing Members will speak, and there will be lantern views showing the work to which the recruits are going, by Miss Richardson. A Missionary Address will be delivered by Miss A. G. Lillingston, and the Closing Address given by the Rev. K. W. S. Kennedy, of Chota, Nagpur. The Meeting will close with Prayer and Benediction.

### LIST OF "SAILING MEMBERS."

APRIL 1ST, 1913, TO MARCH 31ST, 1914.

- \*Miss L. E. AIREY (U.M.C.A.), trained at Bethnal Green Infirmary, to Zanzibar.
- \*Miss ANDERSON (L.J.S.), trained at Union Infirmary, Belfast, to Jerusalem.
- \*Miss R. M. BARROWCLOUGH (W.M.M.S.), trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to China.
- \*Miss O. BRAUER (A.E.L.M.), trained at Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, to South India.
- Miss B. R. BROWNLOW (A.P.M.), trained at Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, proceeding to Assiout.

Those marked \* will have sailed before September 29th.

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