

A MISSIONARY NURSE WANTED IN MOUKDEN, MANCHURIA.

A new departure is to be made in the Moukden Hospital. The nursing work is to be put under the charge of a Nurse-Matron as soon as the necessary funds can be raised. It is a great opening for some one who is willing to devote her professional skill and practical powers to the service of God in China. She will have general charge of the wards and patients, will superintend the nursing, and will train nurses. Her opportunities will be endless, both among the patients and among the nurses, and she will have unlimited scope for direct evangelistic work. She will be the first Matron of the Hospital, so she can develop the nursing work on her own lines.

Thirty years ago this Hospital was established in connection with what is now the United Free Church of Scotland, and it has become one of the largest in China. The demand for accommodation is so great that it has recently been enlarged, and now it has 140 beds. About 1,500 operations are performed annually, and 46,000 out-patient visits are paid to the Dispensary. Next door to the Hospital and affiliated with it is a Medical College, the staff of the combined institutions being seven European doctors and a qualified chemist. In January ninety students will be in residence, who will do their clinical and practical work in the wards of the Hospital.

The need for organised up-to-date nursing by well-trained nurses is very pressing. In other branches of the work the standard has been steadily rising. The wards can exhibit themselves unashamed even to visitors direct from home hospitals. The operating rooms, while simple and inexpensive, are thoroughly well-appointed, and the latest aseptic methods are practised. In the College the same standard of efficiency is aimed at as in home colleges, for the staff hold that what is taught in Christ's name must be of the best. But there is one great lack—the nursing is lamentably deficient. This it is now sought to remedy by appointing a Nurse-Matron.

Is there any lady with a nurse's training, a turn for practical organising work, and a desire to share in the honour of bringing China to Christ—who has sufficient income of her own to dispense with salary?

Or is there any one, unable to do this work, who will supply the salary for such a worker?

Miss H. Y. Richardson, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W., secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League, who sends us the above appeal, will be glad to supply any further particulars.

The Bishop of London, pleading for support for foreign missions, recently said that in every continent Christ stands with His hands tied by the apathy and want of generosity of His own disciples. In China this mighty nation is turning in its sleep, and Christ stands there demanding human co-operation in His miracles, as He did of old.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

CIRCULAR AS TO COUPONS.

The National Union of Trained Nurses has issued a circular relating to the practice of manufacturers and dealers in medicines, invalid foods, and other articles with which nurses are conversant, circularising nurses, and in one form or another soliciting them to recommend the articles advertised, offering them rewards, perhaps in the form of money or jewellery in exchange for a certain number of coupons. The Union characterises the practice as thoroughly objectionable. Its tendency in the first place is to induce the nurse to recommend the goods in question when she may know nothing of them, to put her under a bias in favour of the advertising dealer, and to induce her to give larger orders for the article than are necessary for her patient.

The Union rightly points out that in the performance of every duty a nurse ought to act with a single eye to the benefit of her patient, and to resent, as a degradation of her profession, everything which, even remotely interferes with single-eyed service.

The Committee suggest for the consideration of nurses that they should send back or burn any coupons offered them, and send back any presents they may have received from manufacturers or dealers. If this course were pursued the Committee believe that it would greatly abate the practices which they regard as an insult to the nursing profession. The circular was drafted for the National Union of Trained Nurses by Sir Edward Fry, President of the Secret Commissions and Bribery Prevention League, Incorporated, which is ready to give nurses any advice or assistance in this connection. The address of the League is Queen Street Place, London, E.C.

CAMBRIDGE BRANCH.

On Wednesday, January 21st, Miss Thurstan gave a lantern lecture to the members of the Cambridge Branch of the N.U.T.N. on the "Evolution of Nursing."

The illustrations dated from an early Egyptian period up to the twentieth century; they were most realistic and interesting, not only from the nursing point of view, but also for their historical value.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON VENEREAL DISEASES

The Hon. Albinia Brodrick has offered evidence to the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases, and as no member of the nursing profession is more capable of presenting it, we hope she may be heard at an early date. When speaking on this subject Miss Brodrick deeply impresses her audience with her accurate knowledge and her fearless advocacy for open discussion and prompt remedial action.

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