

we may all work happily together for the glory of God and the good of the work entrusted to us; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

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Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou hast put it into the hearts of these Thy servants to prepare this place as a Hospital for Thy Service. Let Thy Blessing rest upon them, their families, their money, and their labours. Remember them for the kindness which they have done, and grant that all who shall receive the benefit of being cared for in this Hospital may show forth their thankfulness by rightly using the same. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

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Forasmuch as Almighty God has promised to accept the good purpose of all who do Him service, we therefore, on behalf of the donors and workers, dedicate this hall, theatre, and other rooms to His glory and the good of humanity. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOSPITAL.

We were then shown how happily the floor has been adapted for its purpose. The Grand Hall and other splendid rooms are divided by white partitions into spacious and airy cubicles, each furnished with two beds, and provided with every useful comfort for the sick. A soothing tint of green cork carpet covers the floors of wards and landings, and pretty pink rugs flank the beds; the coverlets are in charming contrast; the views from the great windows a perpetual delight. The Operating Theatre and Annexe are fitted with everything the up-to-date surgeon requires, and that is a big order; and the Still Room is a most fascinating place, fitted with shelf upon shelf, decorated with dainty china and glass, and all that the heart of a house-proud Sister can desire. Indeed, it is decreed that the City's welcome awaiting our stricken men shall be of proverbial generosity and warmth.

The medical staff is recruited from the ancient City Hospital of St. Bartholomew, and the Nursing department is under the superintendence of Miss Lightfoot, of 53, Beaumont Street, who was trained at King's College Hospital, and who gained valuable experience of nursing in war in the South African campaign. St. John's House has provided the following eight Sisters:—Mary Price, Ellen Libbon, Jessie Rogers, Annie Smithin, Hilda Eames, Mary Ruck, Lena Lawrence, and B. M. Smith; and an ample staff of Red Cross Nurses have been selected to help them.

The Sisters looked very neat in their fresh lilac checked gingham gowns and simple caps, and we noted that each wore the badge of the League of St. John's House Nurses, thus demonstrating that the great lesson of the City Guilds, founded for mutual support and co-operation, and for the maintenance of high standards of work, has not been lost upon them.

MEDICAL MISSIONS IN WAR TIME.

There was an almost record attendance at the "Valedictory Meetings" of the Nurses' Missionary League on Wednesday, September 30th, and a sense of the solemnity of the present time was felt throughout the day. The proceedings opened with the National Anthem, and prayers were offered at various times for the rulers of our country, for the troops and doctors and nurses at the front, and also for those countries with which we are now at war. The deeply prayerful atmosphere of the whole day's gathering was specially felt during the two impressive addresses by the Rev. M. Richmond, the first on the peace that results from knowing that God is seeking us, and the second on Prayer. "In prayer you have the power to lift men and women up to a life of joy, but without it you can never save a single soul, your own or any other. . . . No one has ever consecrated his life until he has consecrated to God the powers of the soul. . . . The devil knows that if he can separate you from your prayer life there is nothing else that he need do." Such were some of the thoughts with which the morning session closed, and it was noteworthy that we were told that the League is finding in the Hospital branches, at this time, a great opportunity for deepening the spiritual side of the work; and that every "sailing member" who spoke in the evening appealed for prayer.

Both in the morning and the evening the subject of the effect of the War upon missions was dealt with, by Miss J. Macfee and Dr. Gordon Thompson, of Pakhoi. The immediate effects mentioned were the terrible isolation of many missionaries in distant lands where communications are curtailed and news very hard to obtain; the dangers to missionaries travelling to their stations; and the difficulty of sending out drugs and other supplies. This latter point was emphasised by a letter from a member in India which was read by Miss Richardson, and which showed how already the shortage of supplies is being felt, and much extra work entailed in preparing bandages from native cloth. Miss Macfee also spoke of the War as a great lesson on the awful reality of sin, and reminded her hearers that similar cruelty has been practised day by day in non-Christian lands where the need is no less now than it has been in the past. On the other hand she pointed out that missionary work is not ours but God's, and history has proved that He can carry it on in the very darkest times. Dr. Gordon Thompson especially emphasised the place of *medical* missions at this time. The War is being watched by the non-Christian world, and some are saying: "If this is Christianity we will have none of it"; and medical missions can give, not counter-arguments, but a visible expression of the love of God, which can satisfy the need of the nations. They are absolutely essential to missionary work at this time, and must be made more efficient than ever. Another aspect of the message of the

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