

"THE WAY OF THE GOOD PHYSICIAN"*

"The Way of the Good Physician," by Dr. H. T. Hodgkin, Secretary of the Friends' Foreign Mission Association, is published in the hope that it will afford sufficient, but not too much, material for those who have hitherto done little or no mission study.

The opening chapter reminds us that the book "has been planned and written at a time when hundreds of thousands of men are offering their lives in willing devotion on the field of battle. Very many of these have seen a vision of personal

There is probably no more satisfying life than that of the medical missionary, unless it be that of the missionary nurse. To bring light to eyes blinded by superstition, to share in healing the disease, and alleviating the unnecessary suffering of people in heathen lands, what better aspiration can a nurse take with her on entering a hospital for training? The nurses' part in missionary work is a very unique and honourable one, and no pains can be too great in preparing for it.

"Who," asks Dr. Sharrock of the S.P.G., "is to persuade the people that water oozing from a dunghill and along the open sewers in the roads is full of deadly microbes? How are they to



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duty and of national honour which has quickened them to heroic action.

"In these pages must be told the story of a service no less heroic, for an end no less worthy. It ill becomes us to think that the battle field is the only place where great heroism can be displayed. If it were possible for us to see, and to make clear to others, the glory and grandeur of the medical missionary's calling we should be doing something to supply that moral equivalent for war which is so sorely needed, if the world is ever to turn into the paths of peace."

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know that one rat will carry fleas impregnated with enough germs to kill half a village?" We know of no one who can do so if the trained nurse fails.

Again, we read that "the training of native nurses, both male and female, is an important part of medical mission work. . . . The status of the nurse is less well defined than that of the doctor, and this reflects itself on practice in the mission field. Dr. Hodgkin emphasises that for mission work it is essential to have a fully-trained foreign nurse, and as training native nurses is a very important part of her duty she should have some aptitude for teaching as well as for doing her own work.

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