

year since 1904 there had been an autumn valedictory meeting, to say farewell to some members sailing for the mission field, and the names of 144 sailing members had appeared on the programmes of these meetings (though others had sailed at other times as well). This year the restrictions of passports prevented any members from sailing, but it was a great challenge to the League to have many ready to start when the way should open, especially in view of the numbers in the mission field whose furloughs would then be over-due. With regard to the future, the challenge of the past was surely just this, to be worthy of the way in which God had guided and led the League throughout its history.

It was much regretted that Miss C. Thompson of Sarawak was unable to be present. The next speaker was Dr. Catherine Ironside, who spoke on the motto which had been chosen for the day, "The utmost for the highest." She said that to all gathered there "the highest" must mean the making known of the love of God. The need for a Saviour was tremendously clear in view of conditions in the world to-day, and we could all help to save others by bringing them into touch with Jesus Christ. It should be the great aim of each one to make Christ clearer to men and women and to magnify Him in every action. This entailed following Christ, more especially in the little things, putting aside small hypocrisies, rough manners, and sharp tones, which were apt to be regarded as simply "my way." The little things, Dr. Ironside said, counted tremendously, and to illustrate this she told about two Persian ladies belonging to bigoted Moslem families. One was very suspicious and antagonistic, but at last came to the hospital for treatment, and in the end became quite friendly. The reason she gave to one of the workers was this: "It was your gentleness that made me come." The second lady would not come to hospital, so day after day the doctor went to her, spending some two hours on a simple dressing that might have been done in a few minutes. No word of Christianity might be mentioned in that house, but one Sunday one of the ladies said: "I thought Sunday was your rest day." "Yes, but we do not leave people in pain on Sunday." "Then yours must be a good religion," was the reply, and this little thing led to a Bible being introduced for the first time into that strict Mohammedan home. Dr. Ironside closed with an appeal for more prayer, giving examples of how prayer had been answered in the recent history of missions in Persia.

The closing address was given by the Rev. H. St. B. Holland, on the subject, "God's Plan v. Man's Failure." God's plan for the world was the oneness, the unity of the human race. This could be traced throughout the Bible, especially in the words of Jesus Christ and of those who drank most deeply of His spirit—the Apostles. This plan was shown up in vivid relief by contrast with the terrific rifts in human life to-day. Yet the war provided examples of its possibility also.

Recently, at the Front, a bomb was dropped upon a hospital, killing four nurses. Near by, the German prisoners' camp was unharmed, but the prisoners—hearing of what had happened—petitioned that their pay might be stopped for two days, in order to provide a wreath for the nurses. Such an incident, rare as it was, showed the embryonic unity of the human race; and among the soldiers a sense of unity with others, with Indian troops and Chinese and Kaffir labourers was growing. God's plan was fundamentally true, but it was far from being achieved as yet. The only way to succeed in the future was by leading humanity from veneration of Christ to deification of Him: in fact, by utter surrender to Jesus Christ as God.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRONS.

Minehead and Williton (West) District Hospital.—Miss Isobel Llewellyn has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Western Hospital, London, where she worked subsequently for eight years. She has since held various appointments, including the Matronship of the East Ashford Rural District Council Sanatorium, Willersborough.

Moorheads Hospital, Dumfries.—Mrs. Charlotte Jeffrey has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries.

SISTERS.

Selly Oak Infirmary, Birmingham.—Miss Margaret Lawrence has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Southwark Infirmary, and has since held the post of staff-nurse at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, and of Staff Midwife at the Queen's Nurses' Home, Northampton.

Miss J. B. Traish has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Southwark Infirmary, and has since held the position of Sister at the South Western M.A.B. Hospital, and Staff Midwife at the Queen's Nurses Home, Northampton.

Queen's Park Auxiliary Military Hospital, Blackburn.—Mrs. Lily Duke has been appointed Sister. She obtained her training at the Bristol General Hospital.

Victoria Hospital, Swindon, Wilts.—Miss Dorothy Horton has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, where she subsequently filled the posts of Staff Nurse and Acting Sister.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Elizabeth E. Longworth is appointed to Burnley as Superintendent, Miss Lucy Farr to Cambs. C.N.A. as Assist. Co. Superintendent. Mrs. Eva A. Sorsby to Leeds (Hunslet) as Senior Nurse. Miss Beatrice M. T. Clarke to Dartford. Miss Ada Dicks to Skegby. Mrs. Margaret J. Hobson to Manchester (Bradford). Miss Alice Jackson to Manchester (Bradford).

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)