

was liable to death; and (3) her sympathy with the unknown, mysterious Christ.

At the morning session Miss C. H. Mayers opened the day with a short address on "Reality," and was followed by Miss Hope Bell (Hankow), who spoke of our obligations to the whole world. We touch so many different countries in our daily lives (*e.g.*, the material for sheets comes from Nyasaland, cotton from Egypt, tea from China, gauze from America, silver from Peru, and in working with Finsen light we touch Denmark, or with massage we touch Sweden). We are obliged therefore to think of the whole world, and it is a challenge to Christianity to give to the world the knowledge of Christ, who alone can supply its needs. Miss J. Macfee next spoke on "To-day's Opportunity." Mentioning briefly the tremendous "physical" opportunity before the nursing profession to-day, and the opportunity for holding before the world the ideal of love and service as the greatest things in the world, she passed on to the "spiritual" opportunity, greater to-day than ever, because people were touched by sorrow and suffering, of showing to the world the *real* Christ, and then showed how all these opportunities are to be met in even greater measure in distant lands. Miss B. Gurney, in the closing address of the morning meeting, spoke of the immense burden laid upon all women to-day to make it worth while for our men to have faced all the horror and suffering and death for England's sake.

At the evening meeting Dr. T. Cochrane spoke from twenty years' experience in China of "The World's Need." He outlined the early days of missionary endeavour in China, when China, having tried to shut out all foreign things, had failed to shut out the desire for relief from pain, and had gradually opened the doors to medical missionaries. Dr. Cochrane vividly remembered his first operation out there. He had a tiny waiting-room where patients squeezed in—cholera, plague, small-pox, typhus, all together, for they had no idea of infection—and one day a man came, brought by a friend, some three hundred miles, blind through cataract. The wonder of his healing spread throughout the district, and it was said "Jesus Christ is there healing men." The real wonder of all the medical work to the Chinese was that the doctor, a foreigner, really *cared*. To illustrate the tremendous need of more workers, Dr. Cochrane spoke of one place where he was called to a woman, while he was travelling, and had he not happened to be available they would have had to send five days' journey to the south, or to the east, 1,000 miles to the north, and still further to the west before a doctor could have been secured. In closing he told of the splendid work now being done in medical colleges to train the Chinese in Western medical knowledge.

In the closing address the Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley said that in face of the need of the world, an adequate response was, humanly speaking, impossible, but from the very first Christ had called His disciples to the impossible and they had been enabled to achieve it in His power.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Club-rooms, 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on the 4th inst. The President, Miss Carson Rae, was in the Chair.

A report was read from the Conjoint Committee, held on April 22nd, of the various Nursing Associations, which had been convened to nominate the three midwives for election to the Central Midwives Board.

Miss Huxley, Miss Carson Rae and Miss Reeves were appointed as representatives of the I.N.A. to attend the Annual Meeting of the National Union of Women Workers and to serve on the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Charles Street, Bath.—Miss Margaret Magill has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the City Hospital, Belfast, and the Fever Hospital, Purdysburn, and has been nurse-in-charge of the Cripples' Institute, Belfast, and Sister at the Isolator Hospital, Winchmore Hill. She is a certified midwife, and holds the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses.

SISTER.

Royal United Hospital, Bath.—Miss F. M. Rogers has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the London Hospital, and has held the position of Sister at the Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne; Ancoats Hospital, Manchester; and the Children's Hospital, Sydenham.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the London County Council on Tuesday last the Establishment Committee recommended that Miss M. C. Delvalle, Miss J. English, Mrs. H. C. Grimwood, Miss R. A. Hankins, Miss F. H. Henson, Miss M. Hicks, Miss E. R. Jarrett, and Miss H. Price, nurses in the Education Officer's department, be transferred, as from dates to be arranged, to fill vacancies on the permanent staff of School Nurses in the Public Health Department, at their present salaries, rising in accordance with the approved scale.

The resignation of Miss N. B. Hodgson, a School Nurse in the Public Health Department, was accepted.

AN IMPORTANT POST.

An interesting sphere of work presents itself to those interested in rescue work, and in the care of sufferers from venereal diseases, including little children, by the vacancy in the matronship of the London Female Lock Hospital, in the Harrow Road, particulars of which are given in our advertisement columns. Both from the scientific and humanitarian points of view the post is one of great possibilities to the right type of woman. The salary is £120 per annum, rising £10 annually to £200.

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