

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

AN "AT-HOME" FOR NURSES.

The "At-home" for Nurses held by kind invitation of Viscount and Lady Hambleden on June 13th at 3, Grosvenor Place, was an unqualified success. Some four hundred or five hundred members of the profession were present during the day. On the ground floor the hostesses, including Lady Buxton, Lady Bagot, R.R.C., Mrs. Carless and others, offered a most kind welcome in the beautiful marble hall, and then there was tea and cakes in a room surrounded by objects of great interest to every nurse—medical curios from all parts of the world. "Prescriptions," and instruments used by so-called doctors in distant lands were to be seen, and here, too, were Nurses who had worked in India, Africa and other parts ready to tell about all they had seen and done out there. Meanwhile, upstairs a beautiful programme of music was provided, songs, recitations and piano-forte solos being contributed by Miss P. Yelverton Dawson, Miss Percival Smith, Mrs. Gough McCormick and others. At intervals too, there were addresses. Morning, afternoon and evening Miss H. A. G. Hawley (trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow) gave most racy and interesting accounts of her experiences while nursing the Serbians, and during her imprisonment in the hands of the Bulgarians. The work open to Nurses in the mission field was kept well to the fore in the day's programme, Miss F. E. Campbell (trained at Guy's) speaking morning and evening of conditions in S. India, where she has worked for many years. In the evening, too, Major Neve, R.A.M.C., was able to speak from the surgeon's point of view of the very great need for nurses, recalling his early days in Kashmir when there was no trained nurse in his hospital and it was "a nightmare to have to leave the care of one's cases to a dirty, untrained woman." Miss Mary Hemingway, M.R.C.S., also spoke of the very great need for nurses abroad, and of the responsibility which the vocation of nursing places upon all Christian nurses. In the afternoon the Rev. H. G. Peile, S.C.F. (formerly of Singapore), in an address interwoven with delightful anecdotes of life in camp, and out in Singapore (*e.g.*, the tale of the Chinese cook who strained the soup through a stocking, and could not see why the gentlemen were angry, for it was only a *dirty* stocking!), spoke of the debt which we all owe to missionaries who laboured in our own land in the past, and of the challenge to womanhood which God has given by entirely closing some parts of the world to men, so that only women can go and work there. The challenge will come to each one who survives this war, and that man or woman who is then willing to go back to the old self-centred life will not be worthy to have survived.

The League is indebted to its Secretary, Miss H. Y. Richardson and Miss J. Macfee, B.A., Editor of "Nurses Near and Far," for their constant efforts for its welfare.

APPOINTMENTS.

SISTER-HOUSEKEEPER.

Matlock Sanatorium, Matlock.—Miss Amy Meek has been appointed Sister Housekeeper. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, and the Hull Sanatorium, and was first Senior Sister and then Matron at the Skin Hospital, Birmingham, Temporary Matron at the Eye Hospital, Birmingham, and at the Cottage Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, Matron of the Princess Helena College, Ealing, W., and recently has superintended a private nursing home.

NIGHT SISTER.

Binefield Auxiliary Hospital, Oxted, Surrey.—Miss Edith Mabel Porritt has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Tynemouth Union Infirmary, Northumberland, and has been Staff Nurse at the Huddersfield War Hospital, and at the Manor War Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

SISTER.

Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W.—Miss Dora M. Marshall has been appointed Sister Outpatients and Research. She was trained at the National Hospital, Queen's Square, and at Westminster Hospital.

General Hospital, Northampton.—Miss Annie Atken has been appointed Sister of the Ophthalmic Department. She was trained at the Portsmouth Infirmary, and has been Staff Nurse at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, and Sister at the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, Birmingham.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Borough of Royal Leamington Spa.—Miss Marian Edith Dykes has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained in children's nursing at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and in general nursing at the Great Northern Central Hospital, London, N., and for over five years has worked on the Staff of the Registered Nurses's Society.

Miss E. M. Cancellor, until recently Matron of the Frimley Cottage Hospital, has been appointed a lecturer and organizer in connection with the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases. Miss Cancellor is well known to a large number of nurses in connection with her work for the National Union of Trained Nurses.

Have you read Mr. J. W. Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany"? If not, study it carefully. We ask this question because this work by a man on the spot (Mr. Gerard was American Ambassador at Berlin from 1913-1917) is first-hand evidence of the German plot against humanity, and of German atrocities during the early years of the war; and also because his new book, "Face to Face with Kaiserism," continues the tale of intrigue, and because as nurses have so little time for studying public affairs they may as well read the truth in its most fascinating form.

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