

"Madras Mail" of March 30th, reports the following remarks from the Surgeon-General, G. G. Gifford, who took part in the program.

"The Vellore School is already a success. Three reasons might be assigned: first, all students are residents; second, the large proportion of teachers to those taught; lastly, it was founded and is guided by Dr. Ida Scudder.

"Mission schools and colleges should do with their might what their hands find to do. Though there is a saying that 'Art is long, time is fleeting,' we should remember that as life grows longer art grows shorter and by patiently keeping at it we may arrive at a considerable mastery of the art of medicine and surgery. It would be well to take a lesson from the veterinary surgeon who does not ask questions because he cannot expect an answer from dumb beasts. On the whole, by skillful questioning one can get a fair amount of truth from people but in dealing with illiterate women and young children we must learn how to diagnose by observation and feeling. There is a danger that in relying too much on ingenious instruments we may lose the power of observation and the delicacy of touch.

"Medicine offers the prospect of much success for women; in fact the whole profession of medical ministry to women might well be turned over to women just as the nursing profession has been given over into their hands."

Col. Ryerson, who also made a brief address, said that there were many "doubting Thomases" four years ago when the school was first opened but that the fourteen girls who started the course were now ready for their graduation. It is difficult to excel a record of one hundred per cent. Now there are not only these fourteen girls but fifty-two others behind them, every one a sel-

ected student.—Womens' Foreign Mission Bulletin.

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, MADRAS

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"Lighted to lighten" we proclaim
Service for India as our aim;
So let our lamps be filled and trimmed
To bear our light to all undimmed.

Eastern and Western we unite,
Strong against every wrong to fight,
This is our purpose great and high,
And we will hold it till we die.

There are many views regarding the proper form which the higher education of Indian women should take. Some people think it should have more of a domestic character. It is quite possible that something more suited to the needs of Indian women than the present university courses may be devised. Whatever that may be can best be determined, neither by Indian men nor by Western women, but by educated Indian women themselves. It is, therefore, one purpose of the College to train Indian women to take an intelligent and keen interest in the education of their fellow-countrywomen. What the foreign teachers of the college desire is to give their students the best that they have received from the West, and leave them to decide, when a sufficient number of Indian women have been educated, what course the higher education of Indian women should take.

Word has been received that all our missionaries who sailed in the autumn have reached their destination. The missionary directory in this issue gives their present addresses.