

MEDICAL MISSIONS.

Deaconess Work.

"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."—John 13: 15.

When Jesus Christ was upon the earth He "went about doing good" and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Always His tender heart was moved at the sight of human suffering, and His hand was ever stretched out to comfort and heal.

Disease is as prevalent to day as it was in the time our Saviour was upon earth, and He has imparted to wise men down through the ages the science of medicine, until to-day there are few diseases of which we cannot be relieved.

In heathen countries sickness is even more common than with us; but, alas! their knowledge of medicine is so small that nothing can be done to ease their suffering. It is usual in some countries to look upon all sickness as the work of evil spirits, and their methods of exorcising them is cruel beyond description. Their doctors have no correct knowledge of the circulation of the blood or of the action of the heart, lungs, or other organs, and regard every symptom as a distinct disease. Most of their medicines are composed of snakes, centipedes, scorpions and toads ground up and made into pills. In case of an artery being ruptured sealing wax would be applied to stop the flow of blood. In consequence of such ignorance many lives are lost that might be saved if proper means were used.

So medical missionaries go forth from all Christian countries, bearing in one hand the means of restoring physical health and in the other the tidings of the Great Physician, who alone can heal sin-sick souls. Surely this is a noble work, and one that demands our sympathy and prayers!

Our church has sent several medical missionaries to China and British Columbia; where hospitals have been erected and thousands of patients relieved of their sufferings each year. Dr. Bolton has done a grand work among the Indians of British Columbia, where he has been laboring since 1889. In 1892 a hospital was erected at Port Simpson, where many a poor afflicted Indian has been helped physically and spiritually. It is so easy to tell them of Jesus, when they are being relieved of their pain and sickness, and many are reached in this way who never would be in any other. At Port Simpson our W. M. S. support two nurses, who are invaluable assistants of Dr. Bolton in his noble work.

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BRIGHT LEADERS.

The want of our Mission Circles and Bands is bright leaders. The lesson may be ever so helpful in itself, but if there is no one to simplify it to the younger ones, to bring out and explain its meaning and points, it will certainly fall very flat on the ears of those who, like the ancient Athenians, are always ready to "tell and hear some new thing."

If impressions are made at all they will be very likely to be false ones.

If the Band Leaders only knew it this Band leadership might be the means of a noble development of their own best selves, for the very effort to impart knowledge to others has a wonderful reflex influence.

Do you say: "How can I be bright when I am not naturally bright? I am not a born leader, this office was thrust upon me." Sad when we so feel; but having accepted the office should you not bring your best resources to it? If you love Christ, the heathen world and the souls of the children, you have the very best qualifications for a Band Leader.

If you lack these great essentials, you had better go first and sit at the feet of the Master till His own loving spirit takes possession of you.

"More Love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee."

No brightness like the brightness that He gives. What we all want is the warmth, the zeal, the enthusiasm which leads to loving service. It is an essential for a Band Leader, and it is contagious! She will find that the children have entered into her spirit, which is really the Christ spirit, and they will all be ready to do and dare for Him.

THE LITTLE STREETS.

"Tomorrow I'll do it," says Bennie;
"I will by and by," says Seth;
"Not now, pretty soon," says Jennie;
"In a minute," says little Beth.
O dear little people remember,
That true as the stars in the sky,
The little streets of "To-morrow,"
"Pretty soon," and "By-and-by,"
Lead, one and all,
As straight, they say,
As the king's highway,
To the city of "Not at all."
—Youth's Companion.

Suggested Programme for Mission Bands.—November.

1. Opening Hymn—"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun."
2. Announce subject for prayer and study—"Our Society"
3. Leader and Band read alternately Psalm 115; 3-8.
4. Short prayer for our Band work and general work of our Society.
5. Roll call—answer to names.
6. Unfinished business, reports, etc., new appointments.
7. Hymn—one verse of "Work for the night is coming."
8. Recitation—"The Little Brown Penny."—page 5.
9. Field study with map—Questions.
10. One or two verses of "Jesus saves."
11. Prayer or benediction.

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