

Centres of Compassion in Canada

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THE ministry of Medical Missions comes to the Christian people to-day as a magnificent legacy from the Great Physician, Jesus Christ, for among His most soul-reaching achievements were those accomplished while ministering to the blind, the lame, the palsied, the unclean and all those who suffered from divers diseases. In seeking to emulate Christ's love for suffering humanity, the Christian Church has carried on for many years this service of mercy through its medical missions in hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, nurses' training schools, Christian nurses and medical missionaries.

But this Christianity of deed, however ideal or commendable, would fall far short of reaching its real mission if there was not back of all the tenderness and compassion, a great longing for soul healing and soul winning. 'Tis but a practical means to a spiritual end.

For the sake of the new members who enter the ranks of our W.M.S. each year, it would seem advisable occasionally to consider our work retrospectively as well as prospectively. To many it may be an old story, but even twice told tales have their place and influence, and help to refresh our memories.

A BRIEF RETROSPECT

The first appeal for Medical Missions in Canada was made in 1898, when a request