

courses covering thirty-three subjects. With the exception of five courses given by Prof. E. D. Soper, of Northwestern University, Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, of London, England, Dr. S. M. Zwemer, of Cairo, Egypt, Prof. T. F. Cummings of New York and Prof. E. M. Best, of Montreal, all of these courses have been given by Toronto men and women and given without remuneration. In all, a faculty of thirty-six have been enlisted to give these lecture courses, including some of the most prominent educators in Toronto.

Beyond all anticipation has been the number of missionaries and candidates taking advantage of these special courses provided by the School. The number who took one or more of the courses was 64 in the first year; 76 in the second; and 96 in the third—a total of 221, not including duplicates.

Quite as important as the group instruction just described has been the individual training given to missionaries on a wide variety of subjects. Many, as they come home on furlough, are eager to become better equipped to meet some special responsibility or opportunity. One wants X-Ray training and another Public Health, many ask for vocal or piano instruction; some wish to observe in Kindergartens, in Public and High Schools or in Hospitals; others need piano-tuning or typewriter mechanics. A nurse asked for house-building, and the principal of a Girls' High School for taxidermy, while an evangelistic missionary said he wanted instruction in educational psychology, motor mechanics and the banjo! The School has assisted scores of missionaries to secure individual training along these any fee asked by the instructor.

and many other lines and in no case was Another factor in the work of the School has been the conferences which are held from time to time during the year, dealing with the personal problems of the missionary and some practical problems of present-day missionary work. As in the case of the courses of lectures, the subjects to be discussed are determined by vote of the missionaries themselves.

Secretaries and members of Mission Boards are frequently in attendance. All of these gatherings have been interesting and most of them highly profitable.

Many minor activities have entered into the programme of work each year. Visits of observation have been made to Juvenile Court, social settlements, the Royal Ontario Museum and other centres of interest. Occasional meetings have been held solely for intercession. Social gatherings have been a delightful feature of each year's programme. Courses of reading on a wide variety of subjects have been prepared for furloughed missionaries, missionary candidates and missionaries on the field. The office has been a clearing house for information of various sorts and has made available a large number of magazines of missionary and general religious interest.

Letters from missionaries on the field who during their furlough were students in the School refer most appreciatively to the varied services which it rendered them while they were here. They seem to feel that they are still a part of the School family and wish to be kept informed of its work and progress. They have much to say about the lectures they attended and the individual instruction they received. But what appears to have impressed them most is the association of missionaries with each other, which the School has made possible, and the development of a spirit of fellowship in their common task. Candidates and Secretaries of the Boards often speak in a similar strain. The hope is that in its new home the School will be better able to develop an atmosphere of sociability and friendliness.

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instead of six, etc., etc.

I had gripe three weeks ago, I "might" have needed a doctor, it was a "mercy" I got well without, so on and so on.

Sincerely yours,

A. M.