

and upon them build such a character and life that wherever her professional work carries her there will surely be outspoken as well as silent witnessing for Christ. She will discover a great variety of spiritual wants, and she should be so thoroughly equipped that, God helping her, she can meet and satisfy their demands.

But what *special training* on the missionary side does a woman need for medical mission work? Beyond all else, she needs to *know her Bible*. As well might she go forth to do her healing work without medicine-chest or instrument-case, as undertake to bring balm to sick and wounded souls with no words from God's own Book in which to tell them of His love and pity for them. She should have such store of these precious words in her mind that she can bring them forth by bedside or wayside, where the dull ears may be open to few sounds, but where the Saviour's voice speaking through His servants may reach them.

She must learn to be quick to perceive and use opportunities for her double work. Not always will she be able to deliberate long; as to the words she will speak or the steps she will take. There will often be a rush of patients; a clamor for prompt attention; an appalling vision of misery and pain before her eyes; a wail of suffering womanhood and childhood in her ears; life and death (humanly speaking) in her hand; an overwhelming sense of insufficiency in her heart. Therefore she must be trained long before the time for all this has come, to do quickly what her hands find to do, with the calmness and patience which will double the value of her work. And she must ever see the imprisoned soul looking out of the dimmed eyes of the suffering ones around her, and do what in her lies to bring that into the glad liberty which Christ will give to every child of sin and sorrow upon earth.

For the sake of the missionary side of her service she must learn to save her physical strength wherever she can do so, in order that her mind may be clear to give the message with which she is charged.

The temptation will doubtless come to her at some time in her period of study to spend her energies with a degree of recklessness, thinking to recover strength and poise by later rest. Were she simply a medical student, unwise or wrong as this course might be, it would only affect herself and her future prospects as a physician, if evil consequences ensued. But when she is fitting herself for missionary work, her responsibility for the right use of her powers has an added weight and should be most conscientiously borne. She is emphatically not her own, as she belongs to those whom her Master will send her to heal in His name.