

ing with diploma and M.D. attached to one's name. It requires steady purpose, concentration, and diligent use of all the mental faculties for four years; then perhaps a year of practical test of the acquired knowledge in a hospital. That all done, the doctor is prepared to invite the confidence and patronage of all who see her name upon office door or window. She is fully equipped for her battle with the forces which attack human life and health.

But put the little word "mission" before "work," and you make a great change in the conditions. You introduce a new element into the training. You make it at once something which concerns not merely the poor sick body and fever, but the far more needy soul and its danger—need which can be reached and danger which may be averted, through the ministrations to the body. The training now involves discipline and preparation of powers other than those employed in acquiring a knowledge of chemistry and *materia medica*. Now the soul of the student must have care and training as well as her mind; her heart must be kindled with an undying, even an unflickering, flame of love for perishing souls, while her womanly pity and her professional enthusiasm go out to their physical needs.

It is not always easy to keep these two lines of interest and effort fully abreast of each other during the training time. Any medical missionary student will testify to this. The engrossing, imperative claims of study upon the faithful student are apt to absorb the whole being to the exclusion of all else. It is only by a resolute determination, maintained by the grace of God, that the missionary student can keep the ultimate aim and object of her study ever before her mind. Just here are felt the great help and strength of such an organization as the Young Woman's Christian Association of the Woman's Medical College in Philadelphia. It creates an atmosphere in the college which is distinctly felt throughout the membership, even among those who do not belong to or openly endorse it. The few minutes spent in the students' prayer meeting one morning in each busy week, send the missionary student forth to her work with a new consecration of herself and all her powers to her Master's service. There would be great gain in moral and spiritual influence if all medical colleges had a similar association among their students.

The student learns principles in medicine, before she is taught the treatment in individual cases. She learns the causes which produce certain conditions, and then the way in which to meet the conditions and remove the causes. So she must attain abiding principles on the missionary side of her training. She must have firm foundations underneath her own faith,