

was a valuable contribution to the year's instruction.

The School was fortunate in securing a number of individual lectures. These were given by Bishop Logan H. Roots, of Hankow, China; Mr. J. H. Oldham, of London, England, Secretary of the International Missionary Council; Rev. C. W. Gordon, D.D., (Ralph Connor) of Winnipeg; President Harold Balme of Shantung Christian University; Dr. Margaret Patterson, of Toronto, Police Magistrate; Dr. Retta G. Kilborn, of Chengtu, China; Rev. Frank K. Sanders, Ph. D., of New York, Secretary of the Committee on the Preparation of Missionaries; Mr. F.H. Hawkins, LL.B., of London, England, Secretary of the London Missionary Society; Dr. H. H. Weir, of London, England, Medical Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; Rev. Peter Bryce, Lecturer in Social Service, University of Toronto; Rev. Hugh Matheson, LL.B., D.D., Librarian, Knox College, Toronto. It was a joy to listen to these distinguished lecturers and to have the privilege of meeting them.

A number of conferences were held on some of the live missionary problems of the day. These were planned by a committee of missionaries and were highly interesting. The discussions were ably led and keenly participated in by the group. One of the most practical of the discussions was on "Missionary Courtesies and Discourtesies."

The social side of the School's life has been emphasized strongly. Four large receptions were held and a series of about ten afternoon teas furnished a more intimate opportunity for promoting mutual acquaintance among missionaries, candidates and the Secretaries of the Boards. It is the desire of the School that increasingly it may be a general foreign missionary headquarters and rendezvous and a centre of true fellowship and prayer.

Plans for the coming year's work are going forward. There promises to be a large number of furloughed missionaries in and about Toronto. Already a keenness for study has been observed on the part of several who have arrived from their fields. The programme of instruction will follow pretty much the lines of previous years. There will again be courses

of study running throughout the year, others concentrated in intensive sessions and still other short courses at various periods. There will also be conferences and social gatherings and regular meetings for intercession.

With the passing of these momentous years the task of training missionaries and candidates takes on an ever enlarging importance. It is harder to be a successful missionary today than it has been. Thorough preparation is a vital factor. The Canadian School of Missions is trying to keep pace with the growing demands, and earnestly desires the prayers of God's people that its influence may be strongly felt in every mission field of the Canadian Churches.

FROM MISS ROBINSON

The following letter was received just as "The Link" was being made up, and is placed here rather than in "Our Work Abroad", as it was more convenient to do so at the hour of its arrival.

Bobcaygeon, Ont., Oct. 16, 1926.

Dear "Link":

Did you ever have a distressing, troublesome cough? If you should be bothered in that way, take my advice and have your thyroid gland examined. They will probably cancel all your appointments, send you to the T. G. Hospital, and operate upon you, and turn you out in no time with glowing promises of more weight and greater usefulness than ever before. At least that is what happened to me. With almost no warning and to the great surprise of everybody (myself and physicians included), an operation was pronounced necessary—and that within a few days of the date set for my sailing. I hopped into the hospital, and hopped out again, but was not smart enough to get as far as Montreal by the 15th, to sail with Miss Baskerville as planned. However, I hope to overtake her in England, and have her company the rest of the long journey. I am telling you all this because I know there are interested friends here and there over Canada, who will rejoice with me that the cough at last seems to have gone, and that there now seems to be much more assurance connected with my return to India for