

## Our Medical Missionaries and Their Work Abroad

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THE Great Physician commissioned His disciples to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke, the beloved physician, tells us in the Acts of the Apostles how Philip went down to Samaria, and the people hearing and seeing the miracles which he did were filled with great joy. To-day, early in the twentieth century, as in those early days of the first century, "Every non-Christian land is a land of pain"; but wherever we find the medical missionary the result is the same—seeing, believing, rejoicing. In England, the United States and Canada, women who conceived the idea of studying medicine were subjected to petty persecutions by students and professors alike, and even their own sex looked askance at them as being "out of their sphere."

### INDIA

The honor of being the first woman medical missionary belongs to Dr. Clara Swain, who was sent out to India by the U.S. Methodist Episcopal Church. She reached Bareilly, January 2nd, 1870, and began her practice next morning. Fourteen years later, the Canadian Presbyterian Church sent out her pioneer doctor in the person of Elizabeth Beatty of Lansdowne, Ont. She graduated from Queen's Medical College—the only one