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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

These Studies were written by Dr. Edwards after his experience as Traveling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement among medical colleges, and were used by him at three Student Conferences during the summer of 1909. They are intended primarily for medical students and nurses, but should prove suitable also for students looking forward to medical work.

The medical and hygienic conditions in non-Christian countries, the relation of supply to demand in the number and quality of medical practitioners, the real scope and value of the medical missionary's work, the nature of his equipment and practice, his special problems and opportunities, his every day life, the requirements of such a profession—these are found to be common questions in the minds of medical students.

In the outline Studies which follow, these questions are not fully answered, but references are given in which adequate answers will be found. It is essential that reference literature be available. In addition to the Bibliography in Appendix B, useful material may be found in good encyclopedias, in missionary conference reports, in missionary and other periodicals and in standard works

on the various mission countries. Without at least the following books and pamphlets the study should not be undertaken :

Barton: The Medical Missionary.

Ludlow: Observations on the Medical Progress in the Orient.

Jeffreys: Practical Ideals in Medical Mission Work.

Wanless: The Medical Mission.

Williamson: The Healing of the Nations.

Tucker: A Modern Miracle Plant.

Much of the other literature named in the Bibliography is of almost equal importance for the purposes of this study. The biographies of medical missionaries will be found particularly fresh and illuminating.

Appendix A gives answers to some miscellaneous questions of a practical character which are frequently asked by medical students, but which are not specifically dealt with in the Studies.

J. LOWELL MURRAY.

NEW YORK, *November 1, 1909.*

STUDY I

THE VALUE OF MEDICAL MISSIONS

I. AS A HUMANITARIAN FORCE

The establishment of modern medical and surgical practice among suffering, ignorant and degraded peoples is one of the splendid services to humanity rendered by modern missions. The religious motive of this work may not appeal to this or that individual, but all join in generous praise to it as a humanitarian agency.

"Not only have tens of thousands of lives been saved and hundreds of thousands of persons burdened with disease completely or in part relieved, but foundations are being laid by medical missionaries in heathen countries upon which medical institutions are being built up, and organizations established for the widespread and systematic relief and prevention of disease. And all of this has been accomplished in countries where until the coming of the medical missionary the commonest surgical and medical measures were entirely unknown."—Dr. W. J. Wanless.

"So sweet and reasonable have these institutions and methods and principles been seen to be that all men praise and approve them. So important are many of them for the welfare of the community that even governments do not hesitate to contribute public money for their estab-

lishment and support. Not only the governments of Christian lands but those of non-Christian lands have quickly got the spirit and are following the example set them."—Rev. Sidney L. Gulick.

Edward Bok was thinking of the large humanitarian service of present day medical missions when he said: "When that Babe was born, there was not in the whole town of Bethlehem, or the city of Jerusalem, a hospital in which the mother could have found shelter. There was not that night in the whole populated world, so far as it then existed, a single roof to whose shelter the sick and dying could have been taken without pay, not one."

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II. AS AN EDUCATIONAL FORCE

The educational value of medical missions covers both the general instruction of the public regarding health and hygiene and the technical training of doctors and nurses.

1. **Education of the People.**—The ignorance of the people and of the doctors and the prevalent hygienic conditions call with great urgency for the education of the general public. This education is carried on in the home, at the bedside, in hospitals, by conferences with officials, by the publishing of papers, pamphlets and posters and by the training of leaders for large hygienic movements.

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