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THE BIG FEE

Mekosi, a young emaciated native woman with a baby on her back, comes one day to the Mwami Mission Hospital. She has a hard swelling on her neck which makes her breathing difficult.

"O, bwana doctor, help me! This thing is chok'ng me. I cannot eat, breathe, or sleep. Won't you do an operation and remove this tumor for me?"

The examination reveals a toxic cystadenoma of the thyroid, a rapid, irregular heart, and a five months pregnant uterus. No, we will not operate. The risk is too great. We cannot afford to lose a patient, having been here on the Mission only two months. We must build and not break down our medical reputation with the natives.

But the woman stays and keeps on pleading for three weeks. At last we yield and prayerfully we attempt the operation. Only twelve hemostats are available. We have nothing but chromicized catgut, and that in only numbers one and three. The anesthetist is a nurse; the assistant, a lay person; the circulating nurse, an untrained native boy; and a surgeon, just out of school. That is the whole staff!

The incision is made; the muscles separated and retracted; the thyroid arteries ligated; five-sixths of the gland removed; the capsule sutured; drains inserted, and the skin closed. And now pray to God that He will bless the bungling. And He does. A few rough days and nights, and all is well again. The woman is eating, her wound healing, and soon you see her up and about.

Two months later—what a change! You can hardly recognize her. She has returned with a thank offering—two small native chicken eggs. She wants to join our

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Leaving Tokyo on March 4, I arrived in Vienna fifteen days later, coming here by way of Korea, Manchuria, and Siberia. The journey was very trying. Fortunately, the rumpus in Manchuria was already quiet and at the time of my trip the important cities like Mukden, Changchun, and Harbin were all energetically decorating for the Manchurian Independence.

Siberia is a great span of plain, timber, and mountains. The coldest spot in the world is near Verkhneudinsk, Siberia.

The Russians are carrying on an interesting experiment. Educationally, industrially, and socially, they seem satisfied. They carry on practical education. Studying for degrees and vain knowledge is being dispensed with, and the college graduates are those who have learned to use scythes as well as the modern mowers. They know how to milk the cows as well as carry on veterinary work. Russia may surprise us yet!

Vienna offers a wealth of material for all lines of medicine and surgery. The well-systematized courses are laudable. Knowing that there is one hundred per cent necropsy, and means for investigation unlimited, one can perceive the importance of this place as the mecca of medical pilgrimages.

baptismal class. She has learned while under our care to love the message. What a happy woman she has become.

And as for us? Well, we never hope to get bigger pay for a successful thyroidectomy than two small hen's eggs and a precious soul saved to the kingdom of God.

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ALUMNI REUNION

Some two hundred and fifty of our schoolmates, their wives and friends met at the Jonathan Club, Sunday evening, October 16, for one of the most successful and best appreciated reunions ever conducted by our Association.

The social hour which began at five o'clock was well attended for the informal visit with friends and a review of the C. M. E. News Reel and the excellent motion pictures taken by Drs. Charland and Smart on their recent European trip.

The call to dinner was made by classes, making it easier for old cronies to get together. The banquet itself—and what a spread—well it's no use going into detail. Ask somebody who was there. Coupled with strains from our instrumental trio the stage was set for a real convivial occasion.

After the preliminary duties, such as the introduction of guests, were ably concluded by Marvel Beem, Vice-President, the gavel was turned over to Elmer Charland, Toastmaster of the evening. His quips and his just-being-himself kept the program going with no let-up in interest.

The speeches were numerous but short and to the point. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Alumni Association, its aims and some of its early accomplishments, with an invitation to all the wives of our graduates to join, were presented by its president, Mrs. Leslie Trott.

Dr. Magan discussed a plan of most vital importance to the school and the alumni. At the Fall Council what is to be termed the International Medical Services Foundation was organized for the purpose of contacting people of influence in foreign countries through whom our medical work can be expanded on a self-supporting basis. Elder C. K. Meyers is to be in charge.

Probably the hardest job of the evening was entrusted to the enthusiasm of Leslie Smart, that of launching the sponsorship plan for the financing of our Alumni Association. He showed how some of the older schools such as Heidelberg, Harvard, and Yale were really made by the spirit of their graduates.

Dr. Samuel Ayres, one of our faculty members long in service, spoke of his interest in the school and said that he felt in spirit, if not in fact, like an alumnus.

Drs. Butka and Griggs gave interesting talks concerning their work in Boliva and China, respectively.

The program came to a climax in the recital by President Walter P. Dexter, of Whittier College, of his visit with President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover at their camp on the Rapidan. His greatest appeal came in pointing out the part the graduates of our medical school are to play in the growth of international understanding and good will.

Besides the trio, a number of baritone solos were aptly introduced and sung from the fullness of the heart by none other than Frank Geiger.

A word of appreciation for the success of the evening is due Drs. Marvel Beem, Ford Cady, and Malcolm Hill, members of the Program Committee.

G. Mosser Taylor, M. D.

IMPORTANT

The Commissary is calling for used clothing for men, women, and children; toys for children, and canned goods. A large store of supplies will be needed during this school year for worthy medical students. Leave supplies at the White Memorial Hospital Admitting Office addressed to Mabel Christensen.

If you are a British subject and have a British degree, kindly communicate with the Alumni office.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dixon, '28, have adopted a little three year old blue-eyed boy who answers to the name of Travis Lloyd.

FLOYD E. BATES, '30,
CANTON, CHINA

In the Central Post Office in Hong Kong opposite the entrance there is written in large letters on the wall, "As cooling waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." We have greatly appreciated the periodic arrival of the Alumni Journal, for it brings us as nothing else does the news of the work and the activities of friends and fellow students in all parts of the world. So, for the benefit of others who may be wondering what we are doing, I send this little story of our work.

The city of Canton is a very interesting one from a medical standpoint. It has a population of something over two million and is recognized as being the most progressive city in all China which is entirely under Chinese supervision and control. There are small but well organized and equipped hospitals here which are owned and controlled by Chinese doctors. Most of these doctors have been educated in America and it is due to the influence and success of these returned students that the people of Canton are turning more liberally to western medicine and methods and we find the people increasingly friendly to western institutions.

Working up a practice in Canton is not as easy and quick as one might wish. However, our work with the various branches of physiotherapy is unique here. Very few of the doctors have any physiotherapeutic apparatus at all and those who have charge tremendous prices for very meager treatments. The vast majority who need the help are positively prohibited by the prices charged. These are the people we can help the most. Our difficulty lies in the fact that we have up to now been able to make use of only hydrotherapy. This has done valiantly but opportunities are opening which will be big factors in promoting our work if we can obtain needed electrotherapeutic apparatus. Especially do we need mercury vapor lights of both the air and water cooled types. Recently we have had urgent calls for this type of work but unfortunately have had to refuse for lack of apparatus.

It might be of interest to some to know how much it costs to open and maintain a city clinic here in Canton. We have

found a very fine location on one of the main streets. The building is a three-story one with a street frontage of nearly fifty feet and is about twenty feet deep. The exterior is very neatly finished in rough grey cement and the interior is nice white plaster. We can get the whole building for about forty-five dollars U. S. money per month. The building is so arranged that the needed repairs and alterations can be done for less than two hundred dollars and another two hundred dollars will give us the immediately necessary equipment. The clinic will be able to handle one hundred patient visits daily. It will cost approximately one hundred and fifty dollars per month to run. This sum includes the salary of one Chinese doctor educated in a foreign taught school in China, one qualified midwife, a Chinese educated pharmacist, nurses and helpers as may be necessary, rent, and drug purchases.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY

Have you joined the Auxiliary? If not, give this matter immediate attention by sending your \$2.00 membership dues for the year to Mrs. Emerald Steen, 602 N. Spadra Road, Fullerton, California.

While the majority of members reside in Southern California yet it is the purpose of the officers to contact as soon as possible the wife of every alumnus of C. M. E. for membership in the Auxiliary. Where a group of even three or four reside in close proximity, an Auxiliary Chapter can be formed. If you are alone and unable to meet with a Chapter, we want your membership anyway and we shall endeavor through the Journal and personal letters to keep you informed of activities so you can participate. Please do not wait for a letter from us but write at once to Mrs. Ford Cady, 1952 W. 76th St., Los Angeles, if you wish information on organizing a Chapter.

I have never before been associated with a more earnest and enthusiastic group of women than those who are members of the Auxiliary. This gives me courage and impetus to go forward with you to accomplish things worthwhile.

Mrs. Leslie D. Trott,
Auxiliary President.

Did You Know That

Melvin A. Drake and George L. Cody, '31, are Associate Physicians at the National Military Home, Sawtelle, Calif.

Enroute to Vermont and the surgical clinics of the east, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Tatro, '28, stopped off at Columbus, Ohio, to chat with George T. Harding III, a classmate.

Elsie Jane and Ethel Jean, little twin girls, were ushered into the home of Sammie Eng, '29, on Sabbath, October 8. And won't Papa and Mama keep busy!

From the "Walla Walla Collegian" of Sept. 29, we learn that:

Laura May-Miller, '29, adopted a two-weeks' old baby girl.

In a chapel talk to the students on Sept. 26, John Potts, '25, discussed disease prevention.

Edward Hoehn, '28, is conducting two clinics a week for the Phoenix church. The Harvest Ingathering is being materially helped through the publicity of this good work.

O. B. Pratt, '24, was called to Escondido, Oct. 25, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pratt's mother, Mrs. Ida Dobson-Madison.

The Alumni Association is very grateful to those who made contributions at the Alumni Reunion, Oct. 16, and thus become Sponsors for this year. Many twenty-five dollar checks were received.

N. L. Beebe, '21, of Fort Collins is keeping exceedingly busy at practice and study (and duck hunting, too!). He likes the good old Colorado country.

A clever little announcement informs us of the marriage in L. A. on Oct. 5, of Katherine A. Wilson and Clarence W. Leggitt, '32. Congratulations!

Arthur Gorton, '28, is conducting clinics at the L. A. General and Orange County Hospitals. He finds this work intensely interesting and an exceptional opportunity for research work. For example, he is growing hair, eyelashes, eyebrows, and fingernails on an eleven year old girl who has been without these finishing touches since birth.

R. T. Jones, '29, of 69 Church St., Plymouth, Pa., responded exceptionally well to the five pointers asked for in the last Journal. Forget what they were? Well, there are some more at the end of this sheet! Dr. Jones will be happy to have you pay him a visit when you're in the east.

M. E. Mullinex, '30, of Yakima, Wash., says: "I want to assure you that we fellows away up here in the Northwest appreciate the Journal. My wife and I are enjoying our work in Washington. We wish we could encourage more of our Loma Linda men to come to this beautiful country. We extend a hearty invitation to any of the boys to stop when passing through Yakima. We have the most wonderful pheasant, deer, and bear hunting in the United States."

"Al" Nelson, '28, attended the University of California at San Francisco this summer for post work in E. N. T. and also operative work. He found the courses interesting and instructive and says that it was as profitable a two weeks as he ever put in.

A new Alumni Directory containing the names and addresses of all the graduates of C. M. E., arranged according to classes, will be issued January 1. We wish we could afford to send copies to those having unpaid dues.

Dirk te Groen, '28, of the Mare Island Medical Corps is at Stanford taking a six months' post graduate course in roentgenology—at Uncle Sam's expense!

Floyd Brayshaw, '28, says there aren't any other C.M.E. S.D.A. doctors near Toledo, Illinois, the farming community where he is practicing. When you're east, be sure and stop off and tell him the news. Dr. Brayshaw's father is practicing five miles from Toledo.

We were very happy to see at the Reunion the following Alumni members who live quite a distance from L. A.:

Harold and Madge Schlotthauer, '31, Bakersfield.

John Becker, '25, Banning.

Jean Stewart, '31, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Harry Barron, '23, Escondido.

Eugene Gloor, '23, Mexico.

Blanche Noble-Nicola, '24, Independence.

Guy L. Kay, '17, Placentia.

Ebon McGregor, '25, Lemon Grove.

Leonard J. Brunie, '27, Santa Barbara.

Evert Birkenstock, '18, San Diego.

Thomas Whitelock, '30, San Diego.

Henry Hanze, '25, Solvang.

A very desirable locum tenens is available in Michigan to a married man.

One of our graduates near L. A. will share his beautiful office building with a doctor interested in nose and throat work.

A two weeks' locum tenens near L. A. is available in November.

A Los Angeles proctology-enterology specialist will subrent a large room to one of our doctors. No lease required.

And there are other listings. The Placement Bureau is at your service!

May we include your name in the list of Alumni sponsors to appear in the December Journal? A Thanksgiving check will do it!

Elmer Cornell, '32, is located at 404 S. Cambrian Ave., Bremerton, Wash.

If you desire some second-hand surgical instruments, communicate with the Alumni office.

Roger W. Barnes, '22, reports the following members in attendance at the Congress of the American College of Surgeons which was held at St. Louis, Oct. 17 to 24: Edward E. Rippey, '24, of Portland, Oregon; Arthur H. Kretschmar, '20, of Battle Creek, Michigan; Albert Dickson, '15, Roy C. Leggitt, '25, George Johnstone, '23, Raymond F. Tatro, '28, and Claude E. Steen, '18, of California.

The enclosed envelope is for four things:

1. The address you wish to have in the Directory, if different from that appearing on your Journal envelope.
2. Your Thanksgiving Sponsorship dollar or check.
3. Dues, if not paid.
4. News items.