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FOREWORD

UPON the recommendation of the Committee of Twenty-eight "The Conservation of Human Life" was chosen for 1919-20 as the general theme for the text-books of the groups composing that committee. The Woman's Foreign Missionary section had long considered a study of Medical Missions and is glad to present this, its nineteenth text-book.

Dr. Allen has served as a medical missionary in India and has not only assembled much material from many lands, but has drawn on her own rich experience in the Butler Memorial Hospital at Baroda.

Mrs. Mason, who has given us two excellent study books, *Lux Christi* and *World Missions and World Peace*, has rendered valuable assistance to Dr. Allen and the Committee by adding to the material and putting it into form.

The usual reading list is omitted and reference is made in footnotes to the few available books of reference. It is hoped that Boards will publish in pamphlet form complete records of their medical missionaries and their work.

With the passing of the acute need for Red Cross and medical work in connection with the war, a need which women have met heroically, we earnestly

appeal for their sympathetic study of the even greater age-long need of women and children, who live and die without any medical care whatever. Every argument and appeal for Red Cross work, for hospitals, ambulances, equipment, nurses and doctors, may be strengthened a hundredfold for medical missions for women and children in view of the numbers who suffer unattended on the great battlefield of motherhood and childhood.

To circulate this book widely among men and women is to render a great service to humanity and its Saviour. We no longer ask "who is my neighbor?"—That question has become an accusation. These world neighbors of ours need immediate aid. The Red Cross has taught us how to minister to the needs of our soldiers. The Cross of Christ alone can enable us to meet this greater need adequately.

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