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Science and Religion

THE foregoing article, which was contributed to provide information for the survey of the Netherlands Indies, which the World Dominion Press will shortly be publishing, illustrates once again the human touch which characterizes the service rendered by Christian missions.

A Christian hospital is one of the finest fruits of Christianity. It is a practical proof of Christ-like compassion and provides the opportunity for a service in which every Christian virtue may find expression. Other things being equal, the finer the quality of the doctors' and nurses' Christian character, the better will be the physical results obtained.

I read an article some time ago, entitled, 'Cured by Clinics.' This article illustrated the point which I have just tried to make. It tells the story of a patient who went to a hospital for treatment. After hours spent alternately in waiting under the eyes of a secretary who surveyed the people before her with distaste, and in giving a statement which was taken from her by a feelingless automaton, a doctor, with a disregard of private decencies, jabbed his way through an examination, after which she was dismissed with tears of humiliation in her eyes.

As I read this description of what treatment, which is merely scientific, may become, some pictures, painted on the walls of memory in far off Mongolia thirty-seven years ago, were uncovered before my eyes; pictures of people of an alien race with a gleam of gratitude in their eyes for—as they described it—'the tender touch of the healing hand' of the medical missionary.

Generally speaking it will be found that to the extent that a country is Christian to that extent will kindness and tenderness be characteristic of its medical profession. In the touching story of 'Rab and His Friends,' Dr. John Brown, in describing a surgical operation, speaks of pity as an emotion being quickened into pity as a motive. When science is divorced from religion, pity, either as an emotion or a motive, dries up.

Dr. Franz Fischer, of Vienna, points out that since the suppression of socialism, large numbers of workmen have returned to the Churches. During 1934, 23,000 asked to be admitted to the Protestant Church: most of these were Roman Catholics. The instruction and accommodation of these applicants is far beyond the resources of the Protestant Churches. Does it mean that they must be refused? Here is the most important movement in modern Protestantism in Austria.