THROUGH the years, many Dickinsonians have served as missionaries in foreign fields but the story of Dr. Edgar R. Miller, ’20, and Dr. Elizabeth Bucke Miller, ’23, his wife, who gave up lucrative practices in Wilmington, Del., their fine home, and their family and are now in the high seas en route to a new life as medical missionaries to Nepal is one of the greatest stories ever told.

They sailed on February 7 on the S. S. Steel Surveyor, an Isthmian Line freighter, from Brooklyn, N. Y. with tons of equipment, on a 40-day voyage to Calcutta, India. There they will be flown by cargo plane to Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, northernmost neighbor of India and at the foot of the Himalaya Mountains.

At Kathmandu, they will join Bethel Harris Fleming, M.D., a medical school friend of Dr. Elizabeth and a Wilson College graduate, and her biology teacher husband, Robert Fleming, Ph.D., who pioneered in Nepal in 1953 and where they have already set up five roadside medical centers. The Flemings have been in the mission field for over 25 years.

The Flemings will rejoice in the arrival of the Millers, who will have with them medical books for Nepal’s first medical library, two Jeeps, and much medical equipment. Included in this is an up-to-date X-ray machine, equipped with fluoroscope, which cost $6,100 and was given by the Richardson Park Methodist Church of which the Millers are members. They are also taking a $775 electro-cardiograph machine which was presented to them by the Methodist Church in Phillipsburg, Pa., where Elizabeth’s brother, the Rev. D. Perry Bucke, ’29, is pastor.

In leaving for Nepal, the Millers are fulfilling the desire they first expressed 28 years ago. After they graduated from medical school, and their marriage in 1927, they appeared before the Methodist Committee of the United Missions Board and offered themselves as medical missionaries. They both then owed their families the expenses of their education and the committee told them in the words of Dr. Edgar “to go out and practice, repay our families, and then plan...
for a foreign career."

Since then the responsibilities of raising two children, caring for other relatives and the demands of their careers prevented them from doing what their hearts desired. Their children are now grown and married. Their son, Dr. Edgar R. Miller, Jr., has two children and is doing his residency in surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. Y. Their daughter, Mrs. William Jenkins, lives in Wilmington with her husband, a Ph.D. in chemistry, who is with the duPont Company.

Through the years, Dr. Elizabeth has had an extensive community and private practice—what she has called "a truly rich experience in the field of general practice." In 1937-38 she went with her husband to Vienna, London and Boston, where they did post graduate work in medicine.

Dr. Edgar Miller has been outstanding in Delaware medical circles for years. Since 1930 he has been one of the chiefs on medicine at the Delaware Hospital and chief of cardiology there since 1938. He has been a Fellow of the American College of Physicians since 1930 and is a past president of the Delaware Academy of Medicine and the Delaware Heart Association. He has contributed a number of articles to various medical journals.

These are the careers on which they have closed the book. They sold their lovely home, their automobiles and they left the comforts of gracious living for what Dr. Edgar calls "a challenge we’ve always wanted." Their combined salary from the United Missions Board will be $2,350.

Yet before them lies Nepal with only 84 miles of roads in a land about the size of Iowa and with 7,000,000 inhabitants, where there is a low level of public health and where there are many parasitic diseases. There is little doubt that the Millers will find a challenge there.

Dr. Elizabeth was born in a Methodist parsonage, the daughter of the Rev. J. E. A. Bucke, D.D., who received his degree from Dickinson College. She graduated from Williamtsport High School and from the college in 1923 and received her A.M. in 1927 when she also graduated from Women’s Medical College, Philadelphia. She is a member of Phi Mu, Zeta Phi, the Delaware State Medical Association and the New Castle Medical Association.

Dr. Edgar was born on April 19, 1899 in New Freedom, Pa., and graduated from the high school there and from the University of Maryland Medical College. He is a Mason, a member of the Shrine, Phi Chi Fraternity, the American and Delaware Medical Associations.

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**On Mission to India**

Dr. Janet A. Kelley, ’24, professor of education at the City College of New York, is on a mission to India to help the educational leaders of that country revise and strengthen their secondary education program.

Armed with a Fulbright Grant for 1955-1956, she left the country in August on a team of three educational specialists who will work with the U. S. Educational Foundation in India, the Indian ministry of education and the Central Institute of Education, Delhi University, New Delhi.

Dr. Kelley, author of two books on education, is with the team as a consultant in the field of guidance and educational psychology. The group’s first assignment was a series of conferences with Indian educators in New Delhi. Later the team will be consultants and lecturers at workshops in three locations in India. At these workshops the Americans will meet educators from state agencies in India, leaders of teacher training schools and superintendents of schools.

Dr. Kelley’s important place in American education was recognized by Dickinson in 1954 when it conferred upon her an honorary doctorate on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of her graduation.