

It was a sad coming home to us. We only heard through telegram of Mrs. Murray's very sudden death, and consequently had no further word about the sad event till we reached Sealkote, two weeks later. Most likely you have heard the particulars; but lest you may not I may say that she was never conscious from the time she was known to be in danger, which was about seven o'clock on Saturday evening, and she died about twelve o'clock on Sunday night. She had been reading her Bible on Saturday, and with beaming face referred Mr. Murray to Rom. xiv. 8, "Whether, we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's," and said that she had found a meaning in it that she had not known before. Just before she died the same light shone in her face, but if she was conscious she was too weak to speak, and passed away without being able to say anything. She always seemed happy, and the short time we were privileged to be with her before leaving for Cashmere we found her a friend indeed; she seemed such a brave, earnest spirit—just such as should set themselves apart to do and work for the Master in this heathen land. But the Lord, who doeth all things well, had other things in store for her, and has taken her home. Our prayers and sympathies are with her loved ones who are mourning.

I am sorry I can't write you anything encouraging about the long talked of boarding-school, as Miss Rodger wisely has decided to close it up. The girls at present in it are too old to be allowed to go around, as they must do, until we get a building, and so at our last prayer-meeting it was decided to take steps to have them sent to Musserabad, where there is a boarding-school with the necessary buildings, our Church here undertaking to defray all expenses apart from what the parents can give privately. I feel sorry; for, were I privileged to be in the work, I should like to be able to gather the young inside the protecting walls of a good and well-conducted boarding-school. I hope no one thinks that the children are to be shut inside four square walls. Whilst that is the first necessary step in order to be able to protect the little ones, yet inside these it is intended that all the influences will be at work that are found in a good Christian home; and the longer I live in India the more am I convinced that it is the first great step toward having a satisfactory native Church, and until we have such institutions, both for boys and girls, we must look for slow progress toward sanctification among our native Christians. There must be a thorough separation from the old habits and associations, and this only can be done by getting them when young—the younger the better.