

The Eastern Society

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The following extracts are taken from a letter received by Miss Bentley from Dr. Chute, Akidu: "I am sure you will be glad to know that the Ottawa box reached Akidu safely and in good condition. We do appreciate more than I can tell you all the labor of love and thought that these boxes contain. Of course Miss Hinman and I shared up and she took the things that were more useful to the school. I am quite sure we will be able to make Christmas happy for a good many. I have been asked for suggestions or criticisms that you may profit by experience. So the following remarks are meant to be helpful, not unappreciative. In the box this year there were some things not just suitable for either school or hospital work. We missionaries can make good use of them, but it troubles me to take out things that were intended for the Telugus. Let me illustrate. There were two white wool baby bonnets with white satin ribbons and a snowy white baby scarf. These would not be nice after half a day on a little oily Indian head. So I sent one bonnet and scarf to Mrs. Eaton for the cold trip home, and the other bonnet and two white binders to Mrs. Matheson for her new baby. It is cold in the mornings where they live. Some of the booties were too coarse and heavy for any baby. At our hospital we have many more adults than children. I find that I am pretty well supplied for everything I need for babies. I cannot use all the little cotton shirts that have been sent me in the hospital, but I do make good use of them for the teachers' and preachers' children and for poor Christian babies in the villages. Do the ladies approve of my using such articles for our out-department? While I have such a liberal supply of cotton vests there have not been too many woollen ones, and I would be glad of more, especially large sized ones. Our people are

so thankful for them. Do you remember the fancy muslin caps that came last year—they are not just what I would order for hospital use, but I wish you could see how sweet and pretty they look on these golden-brown faces. I used them for some Moham-medan women and they were greatly pleased with the bright colors, but, alas! much of the brightness went in the first wash. The baby blankets made out of old blankets were just grand. I am greatly pleased with them.

With Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

—P. S. Chute.

For 1927 consignment. List supplied by Mrs. Dr. Chute. Details suitable for any hospital and school station.

1. Bandages (we use a lot of these).
2. Dressings (we use a lot of these).
3. Safety pins, needles, small common thimbles, buttons.
4. Talcum powder (not expensive).
5. Small cakes of soap.
6. Pretty pictures and cards.
7. Half dozen scrap books and some needle books.
8. Bags 4x6 with tape or strong string.
9. Balls. Four or five serviceable small dolls.
10. A picture of the Crucifixion.
11. A dozen common strong teaspoons.
12. Woollen stocking vests as large as possible.
13. Four flannelette night gowns for child 8 or 10 years.
14. Quilts or large flannelette sheets, size 4x7.
15. Some well quilted pads made of strong factory cotton with wadding in between, made in two sizes, 3x6.6 and 2.6x6.6. These are to be used under patients.

Circle members will be interested and will remember constantly in their prayers:

Miss Annie C. Murray, at present at her home in Arkona, Ont.

Miss Baskerville, who is now filling Miss Murray's place in Narsapatnam to the comfort and help of Miss Mason.