

I hope I have not left you without the information you asked for. About half of your three hundred dollars was used last year. Any advantage of interest on one fund always goes towards interest on debts, or else is added to the funds. We are prospecting for a new school, about which I will write you, and to which we would like to devote the balance remaining after Red Hill School is paid for the year. All the Mission families are well.

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I was meditating on a letter to you several weeks ago, and had gone so far as to look up some statistics of last year's work; but just four weeks ago to-day I was laid up with typho-malarial fever, and this is only the third time I have been able to be down stairs since. The fever was bad enough, but I think the getting better is more wearying to my patience. I never remember being so ill and so weak, and I am far from being a model invalid, but Miss Rodger and Miss Oliver make up for my lack of patience. The fever is now broken, and I am getting well as fast as anybody seems to expect. On Monday Miss Oliver and I go to Neemuch, Miss Oliver for her first visit, and I for a change of air.

Last year was a very busy one. My work grew so rapidly on my hands that I was not able to keep up with it, and to add to my difficulties, my interpreter, or rather apothecary, had to leave for domestic reasons, and I was left alone. I advertised for an apothecary, and among a host of applications from men came one from a woman. I did not hesitate long about writing for her, and was fortunate in securing a Miss Brierly for an assistant. She has been trained at Dr. Griffith's Zenana Industrial School, and has proved a real help to me, taking entire charge of the city dispensary when I could not be there myself, only the obscure and difficult cases having to be sent up to me at the camp. Since my illness Miss Oliver has been getting her hand deep into practice, and, if I may judge by the number of rupees gathered in, she is going to succeed better than I have done. During last year I treated over three thousand five hundred patients in the dispensary and about five hundred in their homes. My Biblewoman always goes with me, and what I cannot make the women understand, she explains. Each house represents a congregation of from four to a dozen or more of women, who hear a Gospel hymn and the story of the Saviour's love.