

TO THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

DEAR FRIENDS:—Last year, feeling our position as a mission to be a very critical one, I endeavored to interest our lady friends by laying before them the difficulties we found most trying; viz: want of funds, bad buildings, much out of repair, the much needed Girls' School, and insufficient house linen. Some of these difficulties, I am very thankful to say, have been remedied, others still need attention. The College is now warm and comfortable, filled to overflowing, and several applications had to be refused. Our church has been thoroughly repaired, the floor supported, the walls lath and plastered (they were at first only plastered on the stone), the gallery finished, and the whole interior coloured. It is very warm, and many who could not venture into so cold a building now attend. We have also bought a harmonium, which adds very much to the cheerfulness of our services. The parsonage is too much out of repair to be inhabited; we are therefore all in the College for this winter, and trying to collect funds to convert it into a Girls' School in the spring. The funds are still much in need of a large increase, as you will find from other parts of the Report. Our pressing needs are, first the Girls' School, and then house linen. You will see from Mrs. Roy's remarks how necessary she feels it to make a change, and I fully endorse her views. The basement of the College is, and has always been unhealthy: whoever has to stay there suffers more or less from the dampness. One of our girls is in a terrible state from breakings out upon her skin, and others suffer in a less degree. Their school-room was originally a cellar, and is only divided from the present cellar, by a thin lath and plaster partition—both teachers and scholars suffer. Oh! if our ladies' auxiliaries would only send deputations to see these things for themselves, what a comfort it would be to the missionaries, what a saving of weak words. Our house linen is very short in quantity, and much of it nearly worn out. We find it very difficult to keep the beds clean. Our ladies' societies could find no better way of helping us, than by sending us sheets, quilts, towels, and pieces of all descriptions. Let me beg of our friends to interest themselves in this matter without delay, and He who suffers not even a cup of cold water given for Christ's sake to pass unnoticed, will send an abundant reward.

Believe me ever, yours sincerely,

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