

Hope this will give you a vague idea of the work among the leper children. Father is too busy to write all this, else he would be too glad to do it, and so asked me, his eldest daughter of 17 years, to write to you.

Hope this will find you in good health.

With my best compliments,

I remain, yours sincerely,

Nelly Hatch Joshee.

FROM MISS FLORA CLARK

June 24th.

Dear Friends,—I am indeed sorry not to have written you before this. I have many times thought of it, planned for it, and tried to accomplish it, but something would prevent. The life of the missionary is full of interruptions, and we are frequently obliged to leave undone that which we would gladly do. I positively made up my mind to write by this week's mail; as it is the closing day, and I have only a half hour or so at my disposal, I will have to hurry.

First of all permit me to thank you very sincerely for so kindly remembering my little ones and the work here last Christmas season. Six months have passed by but I can assure you the kind act has not been forgotten nor ceased to bear fruit.

A number of parcels came from Fort William, sent direct by post. They came in splendid condition and in ample time for the prize distribution and for the children's Christmas. The duty did not amount to anything, not worth mentioning, and the gifts were all just splendid and much appreciated. Then some splendid parcels came in the boxes kindly sent by Mrs. Dengate. Mr. and Mrs. Craig kindly forwarded those as soon as possible and we had a great time. I have written to all whose addresses were given. In some cases where no name was stated I addressed the letter to the President or Secretary of Aid circle. I trust the letters were received. Had I not written personal letters, I certainly would have contrived to send this public acknowledgment before this. A personal parcel containing half a dozen very nice handkerchiefs came by mail, no name whatever is given and the post mark was so blurred I could not decipher it so

have no idea whom to thank; do not even know from what corner of the globe the parcel came, but if these lines should by any chance meet the eye of the sender, kindly accept my loving thanks. The remembrance is much appreciated.

We now number sixty in the Orphanage so you see we have a rapidly growing family. All are very well with the exception of three, whom I have sent to Dr. Eaton, Chicacole Hospital. One had a very sore eye. L had her doctored here for some time, but as the eye did not seem to be getting better, I wrote Dr. Eaton in regard to her; another, one of my babies, a very little girl about four or five, never seemed to have any strength but always complained of being tired. She never cared to run about and play as the other children do, but just wanted to stay in my room, sometimes sitting near me, at other times lying down on the floor, near my chair. As a rule her appetite was very poor and it was hard to get her to eat. She is a queer little piece but I am very fond of her and she has a big place in my heart; as the other girls were going to Chicacole I thought it well to send her along too. I trust all three will soon be restored to health and strength.

Every Orphanage in India, that I know anything about, has some Industrial work connected with it, and the C.B.M. orphanage though not quite three years old, is not behind any other institution in that respect. Last year we cleared from our Industrial Department over eleven hundred rupees. We purchased a treadle sewing machine, and built a house for the little boys and had a balance to help with general expenses.

We hope to do as well this year. As a rule, the people in this country are very heedless. Their powers of observation have never been cultivated and they seem to go through life as it were asleep.

My! Such a time as I had when we first started and such careless mistakes as were made! No attention whatever was paid to the pattern, it might as well not have been near them. We had several talks about it and every effort put forth to inspire the children to do their best. Now, even the