

wards as soon as they are ready. I cannot use this money for any other purpose and I do not want to give it back, so I do hope you will allow me to use it in building wards as far as it will go. The native people who have given expect the hospital and will feel that we have not done fairly by them, which will be very bad for our work.

I cannot help taking in-patients. One poor boy was brought from a distant village. He had met with an accident and his leg was one putrid-looking mass. I advised him to go to Indore to the hospital, but his mother said they could not take him so far. They said they were willing to stay anywhere if only I would keep them. The horse stable was the only place I could give them, and that boy with his uncle stayed there with my horse for several weeks until he was cured. Another child was brought from a distant village who was suffering from bone abscesses following small-pox. They would not go away, so I kept the father, mother and child in a shed for three weeks until the child was restored to health.

On Sabbath last a man brought a child who was so ill and emaciated with dysentery. He wanted to have me treat the child. All his children had died from this disease. I had to keep the child. The father laid the little one down on a mat in the verandah in which we carry on our dispensary work. When the women come for medicine he goes off and then returns when all are gone. The little sufferer is much improved, just because one of our women sees that she gets medicine and nourishment at the proper time. Unless we help these people no one else will.

There is a State hospital presided over by a Brahmin, but he does not deign to treat poor low caste people. During the cholera epidemic I treated sixty-two cases; very many of them would have been glad to come had I any place to which I might have brought them during convalescence.

Every missionary in the field realizes the need of an hospital here and the majority of them have given practical proof of their interest. It remains with the F. M. C. and W. F. M. S. to say what is to be done with the money which has been given. We cannot use it for any other purpose.

Mrs. Russell has recovered from a very severe illness—first measles followed by dysentery. Miss Dougan is looking so well and her school is getting on nicely. I have secured a Bible-woman in place of the one who left. Mrs. Pillay, my assistant, was called home on the 22nd of last month. Hers was a glorious death-bed. Her daughter cannot be with me any more, as her marriage has been arranged to take place. I am still short of medical workers, but have such perfect health that my work is a joy.