

ask; "am I doing all I can to distribute the Bread of Life to the heathen millions? These millions are literally starving. It is appalling soul hunger. And the Lord said, "who is that faithful and wise steward whom his lord shall set over his household to give them their portion in due season." Are we winning the title "faithful" and "wise"? Are we giving the starving ones their portion in due season?

Oh what abnormal earth hunger seems to possess the nations now! How they strive to attach the rest of earth to their own special dominion! Oh that the children of the light had a tenth part of such hunger, then the lost millions in many lands would soon be annexed to the dominions of our Lord God?

JOTTINGS FROM INDORE.

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DEAR MR. SCOTT:—Two weeks ago I baptized nine more here, six of them women.

The Agent General here gave us, a short time ago, another site for a house, for Mr. Ledingham. Twice in six months he officially told us he would not give the mission any more land for any purpose, as the residency was so small and we already had too much of it. 1 Tim. 2:2 came to us with new force, and at last, on a third application, we obtained a very good site, for which we are glad.

It is terribly hot—the worst season we have had for years, and already there is famine to the North of us with consequent high prices everywhere. The poor people here are suffering already, but it is nothing to what those have to face who have to go so far for water in the northern districts. We have plenty of water thus far, but as we have had such a long dry spell there will be much suffering here too if we do not have an early rain.

Of what infinite value is a glass of cold water in such heat, and how dependent we are on God, and yet how few understand it.

We see however, in the midst of it all some qualities that call forth admiration. We of the West possess more of the active virtues than these people, whilst they show us the more passive patient endurance of wrong and suffering. May we not well ask which is the highest quality? If the people of Canada had to endure the one tenth part of what these people are now facing there would be heard a howl so loud and long that it would echo and re-echo throughout the whole civilized world.

There is much sickness about, especially small-pox, but though several of our Christians have had it, only one child has died, and the European staff are all keeping quite well.

In our "Industrial Home," started to shelter the women who, on becoming Christians, were persecuted last year, their cost was about 500

rupees, which was all met by the Indore congregation, and they made about 130 rupees—fully more than double of what they made the year before. They all give one tenth of what they earn to the Lord's cause, the balance being used to reduce their expenses.

One girl from amongst them is now a teacher in Miss Grier's school and paying her own way. But for the "Home" and the influence of Christianity, she would ere this have been a dancing girl or priestess, leading a low and shameless life in one of the temples.

The girls of the Boarding School earned 17 rupees by making and selling fancy work, and gave the whole of it into the Lord's Treasury. When you know that some of them are orphans and have not one pice of pocket money, you can understand the self-denial involved.

As it is the hot season the workers cannot very well do much outside work. I have as usual therefore my hot season class for 2 hours every morning. All the workers and our Christian students, to the number of about thirty, meet with me to study the word. Our first object was to teach them sermonizing, and especially to get the special meaning out of the different passages of scripture under consideration; but we have sought as much as possible to bring home the truth to each one individually. Our watchword is "What does Jesus teach me in the passage before me and how can I carry out His wishes?"

A passage is chosen for each day, as John 17: 21-22, Rom. 8: 26-27, &c., which are committed to memory, or two or three of the class write short addresses on them, after which by prayer and conversation we seek to get at the whole truth contained in the passage for each one personally.

I am happy to say all seem to enjoy the meeting, and I believe many have been very decidedly helped. Some at any rate are seeking to learn the lesson of perfect obedience.

In one of the Hill stations lately prayer was very earnestly offered up for those suffering the great heat *down below*, whereupon a stranger asked if it was customary for Presbyterians to pray for those in *Ilades*. It is warm but we have plenty of water, and are on the whole very well.

One advantage of the hot season is that we have time to think, as few venture out during the greater part of the day—so the hot season is not all bad.

What a blessing our college well is these days. People come over one mile to get water from it, and all day long and even till late at night there are crowds around it filling their pots and carrying them home—a large part of the burden bearers being women. Though wells all around have given out, so far ours has shown no signs of exhaustion.

Six of our students passed the Matriculation examination of Calcutta University this year—all that we sent up.