

Our Mission Hospital at Rutlam

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The buildings of our Mission Hospital in Rutlam, Central India, are all of brick, made locally, plastered and whitewashed inside. The floors are made of Neemuch stone, and the roof of corrugated iron sheets, covered with tiles. This description applies to all the buildings, except the new operating room, where the roof is flat and of solid masonry. The furnishings in the wards are limited, partly because it is the custom of the people in India to carry their own bedding when they intend to remain away from home overnight. As for chairs—the common people are far more comfortable squatting

In the warm season the patients begin to gather before seven in the morning, while in the cold season these thinly clad people find it too cold to gather before eight. We open with a short service for all present, then those who come later take their places in the respective waiting rooms where the Indian pastor and the Bible woman are constantly giving Bible instruction, teaching scripture verses, singing and teaching hymns to the patients and their friends.

Alternately the men and the women and children are admitted from the waiting rooms to the consulting room where the doctor sees all the cases. Many of these have simply to have their progress noted, an order for the same treatment repeated or changed according to the progress of the case. New patients are examined and prescribed for. They then pass on to the dispensary if their case is medical, or to the dressing room if surgical, where they receive appropriate treatment from the compounders and dressers usually for one day at a time. If the case is serious, and it is deemed advisable, patients are advised to come into the hospital for medical or surgical treatment.

Thus we see daily from 60 to 150 patients according to the season, weather conditions, urgent work in the fields, etc. They all hear the gospel story, and while we long for more spiritual results from our work, for more conviction of sin, still we are reminded that it is our duty to sow the seed faithfully from day to day and leave the harvest to him whose

work it is and whom we serve. In the afternoon we have our operative work, except the minor surgery that is done in the forenoon, while the patients wait, as well as the pathological and bacteriological work.

I cannot close this sketch without presenting briefly our needs. We wish to develop the surgical work because that work means so much to these people, but our equipment is practically nil. We need a trained nurse from home, both to attend certain women who refuse to be seen by a man, and to have charge in the operating room. We need another trained Indian assistant. We need a sterilizer for the operating room, operating tables, instrument cases, endless instruments (one has to be a specialist in every branch), gauze, sheets, towels, blankets, etc. Until these are to be had we shall go on as best we can. It is a great work, a necessary work, and we rejoice to be your representatives in it.

Rutlam, Central India



In Training for Active Service

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IV. TESTS OF EFFICIENCY AND AWARDS OF MERIT

The season's work was over and promotion day had come. The Standard Efficiency Diplomas and Bronze Awards were to be given out in connection with Promotion and Rally Day Service. There was an air of expectancy in the class of older boys who had been taking up the Canadian Course of Training during the past year. It was known through the School, that these boys had done well in their work and the younger boys especially kept looking in their direction with admiring glances.

After the opening worship and general promotion services were over, the superintendent called the Older Boys' Class to the platform to receive their Diplomas and Awards. There were ten boys in the class, about 16 to 18 years of age, together with Mr. McLeod the Mentor. Twelve boys had begun the Course, but one boy had removed to another place and one had been taken ill. All the ten boys