

in his heart for the dying people and he would speak hot, burning words of love telling them of salvation. But alas, they were almost too dead to understand their own state. But he spoke on and on, pressing the message upon them and startling their apathy with his terrible earnestness. He was much among the people, saw them at all seasons, learned to read their lives, to decipher the bleared faces, to understand their inconsistencies. Such a life was sad indeed, for it was passed amid such awful realities. No marvel that the missionary grew prematurely old. No marvel if the constant strain, the ever increasing burdens, the sense of inability to ever overtake the work slowly crushed out the life. But none except the missionary's wife could know the whole story, and she proved a true helpmate, aiding him materially in his work. Her cares were many and often trying. Frequently left alone, everything at the station devolved upon her, but no other could fill the place of the absent missionary so well.

As to Miss Wylie, a word will explain her coming. The ladies of their mission had shown particular interest in the work and were desirous of having some worker and work peculiarly their own. It was upon the expression of this desire, and the inquiry whether anything of such a nature were practicable, that Miss Wylie came to be appointed to the work. Her coming had been a great boon to her sister, while her constant cheerfulness and brightness soon made her a large element in the life of the missionary home in Seripatnam. Though but two years in India, her figure had come to be a familiar one in every part of the town, for even while still stumbling over the first elements of the language she had very often accompanied her sister, but more frequently had gone alone with the Bible women.

There were other stations of the same society inland, but these will be mentioned in this narrative only as they may be connected with Clifton's work. At present he is an inmate of the Willoughby's home, and is expected to remain some time, as the language must be acquired before any work can be done.

Of course the Willoughbys were kept informed of all home events affecting the mission, and so knew in advance