

anything else. Most of them have in the one corner a stone for grinding the wheat, and in another the fire place. In another corner over a pole is hung the little clothing and bedding that they have. The best of these houses is used for our workroom and services. It has no window and all the light we get is from holes in the roof and from the door. We hope, however, as soon as we secure the land, to build a room from local funds.

Many of these poor people, since becoming Christians, have not been able to get enough to satisfy the cravings of hunger. The determination of so many of all castes to stamp out this Christian movement has had its effect. They had to give up their old traditional work because it was idolatrous. They did make baskets, but found that they could only sell them at reduced rates and often not at all. Ordinary coolie work, they could get only in a few cases; and so they have had serious difficulty getting even the coarse food that they have been accustomed to. We are glad that the college building has been going on since our return, as it enables us to give work to some of them. If they could learn some other work, that is in demand, they would be able to get over this difficulty in a measure, and we hope a way may be opened up for this.

Comfort in Sorrow.

FROM MRS. WOODS.

Neemuch, C.I., April 18th, 1895.

Thank you so much for your kind words of sympathy. Yes, it was a great trial for us. Our darling had twined his loving little self so closely about us. He was so seldom out of my sight; I did all my studying, reading and sewing beside him, for, on account of my long illness, he had been taught to be content to lie on the bed. It was hard to take up the home duties again without his little smiles and sweet prattle. Nevertheless God knew best and we cannot but say "Thy will be done." The Lord has strengthened and comforted us as He only can, and our darling is spotless. He never knew sin nor sorrow.

As this is my first letter to you you will, no doubt, want to know how I like India and the work, and how the climate agrees with me? I am having excellent health. Of course I was very ill for two months and for the next two months rather weak, but at the end of the six months was quite myself again, and since—yes, and before my illness—I have had perfect health. I am delighted with India and the work and will be so pleased when I have work of my very own. I am busy with the language and am getting on very nicely.

It is very hard when talking with the native Christian women to be unable to give them the word of advice or encouragement that is so often very helpful.