

women and thirty-five lads, then living at the Station, came under our care. Of this number six were by themselves, and were judged by their associates to be ready for baptism.

In the whole district there was a scarcity of food, bordering on famine. This was all the more felt by us in consequence of our very limited supply of imported food.

GENERAL REPORT.

In every department of our work we have been cheered by steady progress, and encouraged by the evident tokens of the Master's presence with us.

Station Lads.—There has been a slight increase in the number of those living with us; steady improvement in their conduct, and a deepening of Christian thought, desire and disposition.

Station Girls.—From three young women—the wives of men in our school—the number living with us and under our constant care has increased to twenty; and some of them are believed, from their walk and conversation, to have given themselves to Christ.

Building.—The house of Mr. Currie—partially built before he went home—has been finished, and is now a large, substantially-built, and very comfortable home.

Several smaller buildings have been erected, or are in course of construction. These include sheds for wagon and lumber, saw-pit, blacksmith shop, house for visitors, and consulting-room for sick patients.

Some twenty-two houses are also being erected by the lads. The average size of these buildings is fifteen by twenty-five feet; and they contain from two to three rooms. With the exception of Mr. Currie's house, all the above buildings are being erected without expense to the mission.

Roads.—Several streets have been laid out, wide enough for side foot paths, and wagon roads; and these we expect to utilize in the furtherance of the work.

Industrial.—We have erected a saw-pit, and have taught a number of the lads to rip quite respectable hard wood boards out of the dry logs found in the bush.

In our blacksmith shop some of the boys now take the old worn out hoes of the native women,

weld and draw them into bars of iron; out of which they hammer nails, spikes, staples, and other simple articles, which are a promise of better things in future.

Space will not permit us to tell what has been done in agricultural and other lines. Suffice it to say that a "foot-power" scroll saw, and a hand power circular saw are now being worked in a satisfactory manner, by some of the lads; while others have received their first lessons on the turning-lathe.

Medical.—A "clinic" has been constructed with fair regularity for a short time, each evening of six days in the week. This has been greatly appreciated by the people; and while helping to remove their superstitious fears, is, we believe, helping to prepare them for the message of Divine love.

During the period, 947 new patients have received treatment. The average daily attendance at the dispensary is 20; and monthly attendance about 425.

The following summary may be of interest:

Male patients.....	463
Female patients.....	484
Total	947
Medical	401
Surgical.....	158
Dental.....	124
Not included { Goitre.....	124
in above. { Fever.....	98
{ Influenza.....	42

Remarks.—The period covers the most unhealthy part of the year; and includes the most healthy season.

The number of goitre, influenza, and fever cases point distinctly to the existence of malaria in the whole district, for at least ten miles round.

The malarial poison seems to be mild in character, from the following facts: (1) The district is a peculiarly populous one. (2) Not half-a-dozen cases of bilious-malaria have we had. (3) Not a single case of hæmaturia has come under our notice. (4) Not a single death has occurred in the district, to our knowledge, from malaria.

There have been but two deaths among our patients; one of a child suffering from a complication of troubles, whose mother neglected to use