

charge of the medical mission in Kashmir, a man who has had an immense experience in Eastern medicine and surgery, and his diagnosis is very alarming. He says that she is suffering from spinal irritation which, unless very great care be taken, will result in paralysis. Has ordered perfect rest in bed for the next three months.* Had we suspected anything so serious I would not have left her, as it will be impossible to bring her here. If a good nurse cannot be got Miss Rodgers will go to her. Of course she is with Mrs. Wilkie, who is an excellent nurse, so that she could not be in better hands, but Mrs. Wilkie has five little children and is besides far from strong herself. This sad intelligence has in the meantime put a stop to our plans for extending in different ways our work; but it is the Lord's work, not ours, and whilst we cannot always understand, we know, I believe, that "He doeth all things well," and will bring rejoicing out of sorrow. I am trying to profit by Miss Beatty's experience and not over work if it can be avoided. The hot season is generally a time of less sickness among the natives, but now the rains have set in some weeks ago we have a great deal of low fever, diarrhoea and dysentery. A very sad case of cholera, resulting in the death of the wife of the native pastor here, occurred the week before my return. She was quite young and had been married only a few months, having come amongst us from Ahmednagar where she had been for some years a teacher in the mission school—a woman of excellent Christian character—her death is a great loss not only to her bereaved husband but to our little community.

My Kashmir trip was more than enjoyable, I shall never forget the deep sense of the omnipotence of God which the first real entrance among the Himalaya Mountains gave me. Kashmir is certainly a beautiful spot; of it as of Ceylon may be written, "Only man is vile." Nowhere could a woman physician be more needed than in Kashmir. The higher caste women are far more restricted than in most parts of India. The missionary's wife in Srinagar told me that though she had been more than four years in the country she had never yet been able to gain admittance into a zenana. Being a doctor I was more fortunate, having been called in to treat the wife or rather wives of the Diwan (Prime Minister). It is a matter of great thankfulness that what I was enabled to do for these poor women—I didn't by any means cure them, as it was only a fortnight before leaving that I first saw them—has been instrumental in opening up the doors, so that a woman physician would now be gladly welcomed in Srinagar. There has been for several years an excellent medical mission in connection with the Church Mission Society,