

In the middle of these Ghats is the one where all devout Hindus who can afford to do so, have the bodies of their dead burned. A large pile of sacred sandal wood is made. The body is bought by the relatives and placed with its feet in the Ganges. The chief mourner then has his head shaved, takes a dip in the river and with a lighted torch marches around the pile five times and then sets the wood on fire. In olden times the widow was burned here with her dead husband, but the English Government has put a stop to this dreadful custom. We saw a body with its feet in the water. Close by its side a little boy was bathing and drinking, paying no heed to his strange silent companion. When the body is partly burned, the whole pile is tossed into the river. Small children are not burned at all but committed as they are to the sacred waters.

We looked at all these strange sights till the heat grew so intense that we asked our guide to take us to the shore. As we passed along we came to an unusually dense crowd and were told that as there had been an outbreak of small pox, many pilgrims were paying respects to the God of Smallpox, who held audience at this place; you may be sure we did not linger here, but drove quickly to our hotel to rest during the hottest part of the day.

MISS HATCH HONORED BY THE KING.

The recent list of birthday honors,—the first since the accession of King George,—contains the name of one of our most honored missionaries, Miss Hatch, as the recipient of the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal. This medal was first established by King Edward for "Public Service in India," and has this inscription on it. The name "Kaiser-i-Hind," which the medal also bears on its face, means Emperor of India.

Congratulatory letters and telegrams have been flowing in to Miss Hatch, but none will rejoice with her over the great honor, more than her Canadian friends to whom she has seemed to belong for so many years. It is a Government recognition of years of great service; and there will be only one voice of rejoicing, that in the birthday honors King George has included one of our own. The "Link" is glad to add most sincere congratulations to the many others.

THE Y.W.C.A. CONFERENCE AT MUSKOKA.

Reported by Miss Evelyn D. Kellock.

Rarely have college girls such an opportunity of meeting together, as had Canadian college girls on the occasion of the second annual Dominion Council Y.W.C.A. Conference held from June 29th to July 8th, 1910, at Elgin House, Lake Joseph. Some nineteen colleges were represented, including McGill, Queen's, Varsity, Victoria, McMaster, Mt. Allison, University of New Brunswick, Acadia, and MacDonald Institute, Guelph. Delegates were sent also from the various city associations.

On Wednesday, June 29th, the majority of the delegates reached Elgin House, near the entrance to Lake Joseph, after a most delightful sail from Muskoka wharf through Lakes Muskoka and Rosseau. On the boat, college songs and "yells" were heard from each delegation, the McMaster girls giving theirs with double fervor when passing the steamer on which were Dr. Gilmour, of McMaster and Mr. McKechnie, of Woodstock.

Thursday morning, the Conference began with a meeting in the chapel at nine o'clock. The following daily programme for the week was outlined, 8.45 Prayer Meeting; 9.00 Bible Study; 10.00 Mission Study; 11.15 Delegation Meet-