

than cholera. We all shall miss much, very much, her bright self-forgetting spirit among us.

The rains are over, and though the days are warm we are now having cool nights, and as in our bungalow the sleeping rooms are all on the upper story, we are able to leave doors and windows open, and thus get the full benefit of the night air. The rainy season—I enjoyed even being caught in a shower, of course without one's best bonnet on—is a luxury after months of dry weather. August was a busy month in the dispensaries, besides many house patients, and September was proving no less busy. When in the middle of it I caught diphtheria from a patient, and was for five weeks a prisoner in my room. Am now quite recovered, except from a very pronounced nasal twang in my speech, which however I am glad to say is wearing off.

Miss Beatty returned from Kashmir two weeks ago, and if one could always judge correctly from appearances I would be able to tell you that she is in excellent health. She is certainly much improved, but still requires to be very careful. The hospital to which we are anxiously looking forward to having will be a great boon to her, in that it will save us many rough rides. With even a small hospital we would be able to do a great deal more work—and do it better—at a less expenditure of our strength than our present methods of working demand from us. Some time ago we were afraid that the site promised us by the Dowager Maharanee might not be granted by Holkar, but now the matter is all but settled. It takes a long time for an Indian Government to untie all the red tape with which even the giving away of a few acres of land seems to be bound up.

Miss Beatty and myself think of working together till we can train a number of native women for assistants. The want of a hospital wherein to carry on this work is our greatest difficulty. We will be obliged to take others besides native Christian girls. The lack is not of capable women, but of capable Christian women, a serious difficulty which in a few years would be removed had we a girls' boarding school in our mission. If the women of India are to be helped out of degradation who are better able to do this than their own Christian fellow country-women? If we but do our duty in fitting them for the right performance of this mighty task, we need not fear for the future of the women of India.

The foreign mail ought to have been in to-day, but is twenty-four hours late : a long time when one is waiting for home letters, which are none the less welcome because they come late.

We are rejoiced to see that the W. F. M. S. still keep on expanding her wings.