

aging. If we could only get the foundation laid, the rains is the best time for building brick in lime. The old house was in a much worse condition than we really thought it was. The centre beam in our bedroom was hanging by a splinter, and most of the timber of the centre rooms was badly in need of repair. The white ants and dry rot had done their work well. We also found that the foundation of the two centre rooms was brick, with a veneering of stone and lime, which gave it the appearance of being good, and deceived the engineer who examined it some time ago. The mud of the walls was of so poor a quality that it is of no use for rebuilding.

We are living in the College, where we occupy two rooms in the upper storey. It was quite a matter, on account of leaving so suddenly, as we had not time to do much packing. I have been very busy since coming here trying to find space for all our belongings. We had the Ledinghams' things to arrange for also. The ladies very kindly allowed us to store all except Mr. Ledingham's books in the Boarding School. We stored his books in one of the class rooms here where we can attend to them during the rains.

The work here moves on about as usual. We have twenty-three in the Training Class, all men. We could not until we heard from the Committee combine the work of male and female. Miss Ptolemy gave her first lecture last week in Normal Training, all the College teachers as well as those in training availing themselves of the opportunity. We are so glad that at last we are able to develop in these lines. What we want most is a trained native staff of workers. If our present bright prospects are carried out we hope soon to have them. We will then gradually extend the work by opening up new centres, where, as far as possible, we will put one or two reliable native families to live, and superintend them from centres, as is done in old and well established missions in India.

We have had to close the Mang Mohulla work for a time on account of an outbreak of smallpox close to where we had our meeting room. Fortunately this year we kept the work open well into the hot season, because in the rains it is difficult to get at. We often cannot get across the river and can only reach it by walking through narrow dirty lanes, and sometimes after very heavy rains these lanes are impassable. Quite a number of them have moved to the College compound and so attend the Hospital Bible Class. Many of the poor things have no house, cook in some shed and sleep on the College verandah at night. We offered them sleeping room inside the College, but they seemed to prefer the verandahs.

The numbers attending the College have increased very considerably since the holidays, and the work is encouraging. Mr. Wilkie keeps well,