

situation of which couldn't be surpassed. *One of THE MOST IMPORTANT things for the foreign resident—whether merchant or missionary—is to secure as soon as possible, a large, airy, well-ventilated, dry, clean house.* Indeed, such a house is an *absolute necessity.* Unless one lives he can't work, and unless one pays *strict attention to sanitary laws, one cannot expect either to work or live in such a climate as this.* We *expect* our new house to be ready in a few months, and *fervently hope* our expectations will be realized, for they are by no means sure to be. The Chinese are eminently unreliable.

Mr. McKay who stayed here for a few weeks to initiate me into my work, is away again into the country teaching our *helpers*, and preaching the Gospel every day to as many as will hear. The work has so grown in his hands, that it is *really more than he is able to do.* I wish to emphasize this statement, and to insist on the necessity of another, or better, two more, being sent to our help. When there is an open door, is it not a pity that we should not enter in to possess the land. There is no mistake about the need of work being done. The wretchedness of idolatry can only be properly conceived of by those who come into personal contact with it. At present our work is not opposed by any; all is quiet. Now is the time to work. Our constant prayer to God is, that our hands may be strengthened and our hearts encouraged by the arrival of reinforcements before long. If you could spend a week with us, you would not be surprised at my urgency.

But I must stop. My letter is too long already. A line or two more, only, to say that in the good Providence of God we are all well, and to ask you to help us to render thanks to Him for his loving-kindness, and pray for a continuance of His favor. With His blessing we shall have happiness and success; without it we shall go mourning all the day and fail in everything we undertake. Pray for us. We trust that we are remembered in the prayers of all the families, and Sabbath schools, and congregations of our Church. May grace, mercy, and peace, from God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be upon you, and all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity and truth! Yours with sincerity,

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#### INDIA MISSION.—LETTER FROM MISS FAIRWEATHER.

RAKHA MISSION HOUSE, 2nd March, 1875.

DEAR MR. REID:—I know of nothing which will be more interesting to the readers of the RECORD, than a short description of Rakha, the Presbyterian Christian village near Futtehgurh, and about two miles, perhaps not so far, from the banks of the Sacred Ganges. I find myself here in the midst of a busy little hive, viz: the Orphanage and Christian Girls' School. There is a fine church here, with a bell and steeple. I think I have heard it said that the membership is about three hundred. There are about two hundred houses—I won't say inhabitants—for one can never be sure how many inhabitants any one house has; as a rule in India some are rich and some are very very poor, here as everywhere else in this great world of ours. The village is all Christian, there are no heathens living in it. It has no Bazaar; all provision is obtained in the Compee or Station. There is a tent factory however, where many of the men are employed during the hot season manufacturing tents for sale during the cold weather. A great misfortune however, befell this factory some time since; a doctor in Government employment visited the es-