

even to ask them to clear the door that air might come in ; and it was no sooner cleared than others came to take their place. On I worked, scarcely thinking of the little air it was possible to get being defiled by the corrupting, putrefying sores and foul breath of diseased persons, but the flesh gave way under this insanitary state of things towards the last of the month of June, when the most trying part of the weather had gone. I was brought down by the worst attack of fever I have yet had in India. Owing to this the dispensary was closed and not again opened till November 7th.

Still, during the seven months that the dispensary has been open we have had in the general dispensary 2,898 patients with 5,542 treatments, and in the female dispensary the number of treatments was 1,411 ; making a total of 6,953 treatments.

The attendance after the long break was small for a time, but has been gradually increasing until we, Mrs. Buchanan and myself, have been as busy as we can be, having now between sixty and ninety patients a day. I first give an address and have prayer (devout India likes to have prayer offered up before they get their medicine), then Mr. Joseph, a student for the ministry, begins, generally in a kind of loud conversational tone, talking to one or more, answering objections, meeting difficulties, and in all telling the old, old story of Jesus and His love. So we labour on, examining the patients, attending their wounds, opening their abscesses, making ready their medicine, and the while talking to them sympathetically and lovingly, and pressing upon them their great spiritual need and the wonderful and sure remedy found in Christ. In addition to those who come for medicine, there is often one or two and sometimes as many as twelve or fifteen accompanying the person coming for treatment. Hence we wish that the sound of the Gospel should be always heard as long as the