

The Eastern Society

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URGENT APPEAL FROM VUYURU!

Surely This Will Not Pass Unregarded by the Women's Circles of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Dear Link,—Why the wall. (\$1000) and why the new dormitories (\$1,000) and why the row of three new rooms (\$2,000) for Vuyuru in our statement of needs for our mission in the Conference minutes of January, 1924? These are approximate figures, as, until you, at home, agree to take up this need, no plans and estimates will be made in India. Recently, came the good news that the women of Eastern Ontario and Quebec have decided to open up a fund to celebrate their Jubilee, which occurs in 1926, and that this fund is to build our long-prayed-for buildings and wall.

The wall. Some time ago, you gave money enough for an extension to the compound. Land has always been exceedingly difficult to purchase in Vuyuru, as they ask over three hundred dollars an acre. Our canny Scotch missionary there likes full well to make a good bargain, and the matter may hang for some time, but of course, he will get the land. (He always does). And why the wall? In the school, there are about sixty girls who are all being trained to become workers and helpmeets to the leaders of our church in India. These range in age from nine to seventeen years. In our Christian boarding schools in Canada, at Brandon, McMaster, Grande Ligne, Acadia, we do not have high walls and barred doors. But we do have protection for our girls with responsible teachers in charge and with doors that are always locked at nights. In Vuyuru the surrounding community is Hindu and Mohammedan, with no

respect for womanhood, and no belief in purity. The wall is a necessity to keep marauders out, not especially to keep the girls in.

In such a land as India, we cannot let our girls go walking for exercise, as they must not go freely down the streets and roads as Canadian girls do. We have long felt the need of a larger yard, or compound, as we call it, as they have no place to play or to have a garden. This larger compound necessitates a longer wall, and thus we have this item of considerable expense.

And the new dormitory? Sixty girls are crowded into one room, so small that when they lie down at night upon the floor, the two rows of them, with feet almost touching, fill the entire floor space. When four girls came down with chicken pox, and there was no other place for them but this room, we were thankful it was no worse, but prayed to see the time when there would be a change. Rarely is the boarding school free from some ailment, if only slight fever or a headache, but the overcrowded condition makes it all much more serious, and a small hospital room would be a great boon.

The row of new rooms? When the said dormitory is the only place for all the girls, including the sick ones, and at the same time, has to be used by day as a school room for the forty pupils of the first class, you can plainly see the need of more class room. The chapel school house has one large open hall, two side rooms, and verandahs. One teacher teaches the seventh class near the door by the street. The head master has the highest class, the eighth, near the door at the other end of the hall. The large sixth class occupies one side room, while the third and the fourth classes, small enough to be taught by one teacher, are in the other side room. The fifth class is usually held on the verandah but this is not as satisfactory as in some school houses, as the verandah does not shelter from storm or from sun as some do. However, by changing from one side to another, they are fairly well looked after. The little ones file over to the "girls' boarding." Thus, you see, that the school house accommodates properly but four classes. Since it