

the "Asia" we had twenty-eight or thirty, and were almost like one large family. We met together in the saloon every morning for prayers, which is a thing seldom possible on board ship. Our boat was very nice in every way, and being well laden did not roll or toss much. I am giving you all these particulars because, while I was in Toronto, I was a little in doubt of the Anchor Line steamers, but I would never again hesitate in choosing one of them. Mrs. and Miss Jamieson and I roomed together, and we became almost like sisters during our month on the ocean.

We received a very hearty welcome from all the friends in Indore and later from all the missionaries in our field. We were fortunate, you know, in arriving in time for the Council Meeting and College opening, and were very glad to have the pleasure of meeting all our missionaries so soon. Mrs. Wilkie brought us right up to her house and we are still with her, although her house is so small, but we hope to get a bungalow by the beginning of the year. Mrs. Wilkie has been quite poorly for a few days with a bad cold and fever, but she is much better again. She and Mr. Wilkie had a very busy time before the opening of the College, trying to hurry on the work, and they are both suffering more or less the result of it now.

I am glad to say that their efforts were crowned with success and the College was finished and everything in first-class order for the opening. The place looked so pretty too; we got a carpet for the platform and aisle, and then massed plants and flowers around the platform. I was so glad, for Mr. Wilkie's sake, that the meetings were so successful. They were really everything that they could be and far beyond our highest expectations. Friday night, at the first meeting, the place was crowded, many even left standing. The meeting I enjoyed most was Sunday morning, when the Sabbath-school children were gathered together. There must have been over eight hundred children in the hall, and how interested they all seemed! What a great work has already been done when so many children are under regular instruction, and what boundless possibilities open up before us!

We feel how weak we are in ourselves here in the midst of these heathen people. It is a great comfort and source of strength to know that at home you are all remembering us in prayer. Not one of us can realize the full power of prayer, and the special need of it was brought so forcibly before me last Sunday night when five natives came to Mr. Wilkie begging to be baptized, when they were received and baptized before the close of the service. How we need to pray, almost without ceasing, that they may be kept strong, for they are in the midst of so many temptations,