

## Our Work in India

Women's Medical School,  
Vellore, Jan. 21, 1923

My dear Link,—

I am sending you herewith a group photo of the 1923 graduating class from the Vellore School. This is the second class to graduate from this school. We had expected to have a full College picture taken but because of the illness of Dr. Elizabeth Findlay and two others of the staff we had to abandon it and have the 4th class taken with those members of the staff who lecture to them. Dr. Warnshuis, the acting Principal, is in the centre and Dr. Innis and myself on either side of her. Of the students 3 are Hindus—the two to the right of the photo and the one standing between Dr. Warnshuis and myself. The rest are Christian girls. Three of these girls will probably be working at Vuyyuru, Chicasole and Pithapuram next year. Their examinations are in March. I hope they will all do well. They would all ask an interest in your prayers so please remember them in their new work as doctors and those who serve their sisters in this very needy land.

Yours sincerely,  
Jessie M. Allyn.

In connection with the account of Miss Coon's address at the Board meeting, and Dr. Allyn's letter from Vellore, the following clipping from the *Missionary Review of the World* will be of interest:

From Madras Christian College:

"A new chapel is being built to replace our over-crowded bare little 'upper-room' which we have used until now. This was originally part of the stables, (but Christianity after all began in a stable) and is dear by its association, but the new one will be more beautiful and spacious. Given by an American, design-

ed by an English Quaker, and built under the direction of an Indian Episcopalian, it will, we trust, be yet another sign of the intercontinental unity which has made our College possible.

Plans are made and in general approved of for the great new Science building which we so urgently need and the ground is marked out for it. Our Science Staff is American, (Miss Edith Coon, Mt. Holyoke, now studying at Toronto, and Miss Eleanor Mason, Wellesley), and they are longing for the funds from America for this new building. Why do we need it? Because India is realizing its need for Science. Every year the number of our Science students increases but we have to turn them away after the first two years (except those specializing in Botany) as we have no laboratory equipment for advanced work. Every year we lose some of our best students. The University of Madras to which we are affiliated only recognized our Science Courses on the understanding that better accommodation would soon be provided. Most classes now have to be divided and the instruction repeated on account of limited space.

### Success of the Women's Christian College, Madras

1. In examinations the students of the college far excel the men. This year, 25 out of 27 students passed the A. B. examination, and the average from Madras University is not more than 30 per cent. Two students obtained a First Class in English, and one a gold medal.

2. There is a new enthusiasm for social service:

- (a) A little school for the children of the servants which means the sacrifice of leisure time.
- (b) Visiting outcaste villages, washing the babies, tending those with