

and of any means to relieve pain, as well as from the total want of careful nursing when they are ill. Until lately they simply suffered and died without help, but the knowledge which the first zenana missionaries obtained of their deplorable condition suggested the idea of giving a medical training to some of the ladies who were offering themselves for the work, and now almost all the woman's societies have female medical missionaries working in different heathen countries. Hospitals have been opened, dispensaries and schools for training nurses and doctors established, and a great amount of suffering has been relieved.

Miss Swain was the first female medical missionary in India. She was sent out by the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, and began her labour in Bareilly by training a class of sixteen native girls, thirteen of whom at the end of three years passed an examination by three physicians, and obtained certificates of ability to practise in all ordinary diseases. Shortly after the Prince of the Province presented the mission with a house and grounds suitable for an hospital, and the Women's Missionary Society which had sent out Miss Swain, raised funds to provide all the necessary appliances for three separate suites of apartments, one each for Hindu, Mohammedan, and Christian female patients. This was the first Woman's Hospital in India, and it was not long before there were fifty patients in it, six of whom were high caste ladies. Others were brought for treatment in closed litters, which were carried right into the consulting room so that the lady could be prescribed for by just drawing a curtain.

After five years hard work Miss Swain became so ill that she had to return to America and was unable to resume her labours in India for four years. Those interested in the Hospital, both in America and India, prayed very earnestly that another lady, able to carry on the work might be found willing to undertake it, and their prayer was answered by an accomplished lady doctor, a Miss Green, offering to go. We are told that, as the shores of her native land were banished from her sight as she sailed away, she sang, looking forward to her work.

That Holy Helper liveth still
My Friend and Guide to be ;
The Healer of Genessaret
Shall walk the rounds with me.