The Psalmist said, 'Blessed are they that dwell on thy house; they will be still praising thee; 'Blessed'—Thrice happy'—we surely should be a happy people! We are deeply grateful to God for the lovely Church He enabled Pandita Ramabai to build right at the beginning of the work here. Lovely in its simplicity, and large enough to accommodate over 3,000 people. We never tire of hearing of the way Ramabai would gather the women and girls into Church at 5 o'clock in the morning to hear the Word of God and to pray. Some Christian leaders in Sunday School work in India, who have been here recently for their Committee Meetings spoke with deep appreciation of the privilege of meeting in this House of Prayer. Our women and girls have much opportunity of dwelling in His house, and we should be continually praising Him, Who is greatly to be praised.

On Sunday, at 9 a.m., there is Sunday School. All of our large family, except the tiny babies, are members of one or other of the 12 departments of the Sunday School. At 11 a.m., is our Morning Worship Service, and at 4.30 p.m.,—so early because of the difficulty of lighting our big Church—we have Evening Service. Also in the afternoon a Sunday School is held for the children in our Bethel homes.

One thing have I desired, my God, of Thee,
That will I seek, Thine house be home to me.
I would not breathe an alien, other air,
I would be with Thee, O Thou fairest Fair.

Amy Carmichael.
MONDAY

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our cares and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what endless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

A devotional meeting is held on Monday evenings for the Matrons who are some of our senior Indian colleagues, and without whom our work here could not be carried on. Some are in charge of Compounds and some in one or other of the different domestic departments, where they carry more or less responsibility.

The weekly meeting is planned as an opportunity for the women to gather together for prayer and praise. Either one of their number or a missionary leads and passes on a message, and time is given for presenting problems arising in the work, or maybe even personal ones. These are prayed over, and with them are gathered up items of news which have come in letters from other countries and our missionaries on furlough are also specially remembered. At the close, sometimes questions are asked about world affairs which are puzzling to the ordinary mind but it is well to have an opportunity to discuss together even these, and as we disperse it is with a sense of having received refreshment for body and spirit, in which new strength the various claims awaiting us are once more taken up.

Miss Wells is always ready to take a turn in leading this meeting for she has known the women and worked with them in the past, and they welcome her presence.

ISABEL CRADDICK.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
The Junior ('Helpers') and Intermediate ('Victory-Circle') Christian Endeavour Societies which meet on Tuesday evenings contribute in a unique way to the spiritual life of our girls. These meetings do not take the place of Sunday School classes with their systematic Bible instruction, nor of Church Services, which offer opportunities for worship, but the Christian Endeavour meetings give our young people an outlet of service and aims at training for Christian leadership.

Every member has some field of service on a chosen committee, be it the Hospital Committee—visiting the sick; the Arrangements Committee—preparing the room for the service; the Social Committee—planning the social times for the group; or the Prayer Meeting Committee—meeting for special prayer for the services. The Tuesday services are in charge of the Worship Committee who take full responsibility for planning and leading the meeting which is taken by different members in turn. On the last Tuesday before holidays the Committee had planned a joint meeting in the form of a bhajan (singing of the Gospel). Usually for a bhajan, drums are used to carry the rhythm. Since no drums were available, tin trunks were pressed into use with very effective result!

It rejoices our hearts to see our young people shouldering responsibilities in an efficient manner. Two delegates were sent by the societies to a district meeting recently, and although they were younger than other delegates they discharged their duties faithfully.

Above all else the aim of these Tuesday meetings and the different committee meetings held during the week centres in the words of the pledge taken by every member, 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for Strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would have me do'. The emphasis throughout is upon the private devotion of each member to Christ, the stewardship of life and service to others for His Glory and above all loyalty to Christ and His Church. In so far as this aim is worked out in the individual lives of our members we feel that the Christian Endeavour Societies are contributing to the spiritual life of our family.

NULAH PHILIPS.
Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 o'clock is the time we gather together to bring our requests to the Lord, Whose ear is ever open to the cry of His children. If we are too busy to wait on God, we are most likely busier than God wants us to be. We must take time with God if our work is to be effective. Our women and girls come from the different compounds after their work is finished. The meeting is led by one or other of our matrons, teachers, or missionaries. We were so glad to have the privilege of having Dr. Craddock and Miss Parsons from China with us recently on their way to England. Each of them gave us a very helpful message, and sang to us in Chinese. Our girls were most interested. We trust that through their visit our girls will be encouraged to pray for the Chinese people.

Will you pray with us that God will pour down of His Spirit? We do need a revival. Even as the Lord poured down of His Spirit in the early years of 1900 so may He do again. May our hearts be burdened to this end. 'If ye ask I will do'. Let us be earnest in our petitions. The devil does not like to see people going out of his power, and entering the Kingdom of God. He does not like to see people being baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire—the fire that burns up and cleanses from sin—not a false fire that is worked up as is spoken of in Isaiah 1: 11, but a fire that comes down from Heaven. 'Oh that it now from Heaven might fall, And all our sins consume, Come Holy Ghost for Thee we call; Spirit of burning come'. This is the cry of our hearts. Help us by your prayers.

Someone has said, 'In your prayers be less eager to impress certain things on God than to let Him impress things on you. Instead of going to God with a certain programme, let God inculcate upon you His programme.'

Elizabeth Morris.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him; the Lord is His Name.

J. S. B. Monsell.
THURSDAY

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

The first Thursday in every month is our Day of Prayer, when the School and Industrial Departments are closed, and we meet together for two services in the Church in the morning, and again after noon.

Also, every Thursday evening, at about 5.45, a bell is rung. Women and girls who are Sunday School Teachers come from the different compounds, and gather with their leaders, in vacant class-rooms, or on verandahs, to go over the lessons and service for the coming Lord's Day. Two or three of the departments each have a teacher from the Blind School. In the Senior Departments the Sunday School Teachers are mostly matrons or teachers, but in the Junior and Primary departments some of our younger girls, those who are apprentices, and those who are in the Bible Class, help with the teaching.

For systematic study of the Word of God we use the I.S.S.U., syllabus, so when we gather the topic is given, the passage read over, headings suggested, and the whole lesson discussed. Also we choose a hymn or hymns, and decide who will lead in prayer. These preparation Classes provide opportunity for a delightful little time of fellowship with our groups of seven or eight teachers, and as we talk and pray together, helps to bring about a strength in unity of aim and purpose.

On Nov. 4th, World Sunday School Day, each of the different departments took part in the morning Service. It was a blessed time.

When our young girls took the Junior, Primary, and Intermediate Sunday School examinations, arranged by the I.S.S.U., for the first time two or three of the young women from the Rescue Home took the Senior examination, and all are eagerly awaiting the results.

Florence Penny.

O fill me with Thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

F. R. HaverGAL.

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FRIDAY

The woman's cause is man's; they rise or sink
Together dwarfed or Godlike, bond or free,
If she be small, slight-natured, miserable,
How shall men grow?

TENNYSON.

Realizing how important it is that the mothers in the Christian homes nearby should love the Lord, we seek to bring them together each Friday night to worship Him and be encouraged through Christian fellowship to seek to glorify Him in the daily round of common tasks in the home. The only hour which is suitable to all is 8.30-9.30 p.m. when the day’s work is over, the evening meal finished, the little ones have gone to sleep and the fathers are at home with the children. However, the children do not always act according to plan, so sometimes we have quite a noisy company of youngsters.

The majority of these mothers were Mukti girls, but we do have a few illiterate women, wives of the new Christians who came to us from Berar. Thus we have to make the message simple enough for these women, yet holding the interest of the others try to lead them on. Some of these, Gracebai, Prima, Mogri and Renubai are delighted to take the meeting occasionally and one rejoices to hear them give a simple clear message of practical Christianity.

Anandibai Damle, the evangelist’s wife has charge of this meeting now, and visits the women in their homes when they are unable to attend. There are sometimes disappointments for her in small attendances due to sickness or other difficulties; but the Lord is able to keep her going on to His praise and glory.

As Anandibai is in Supa now with her husband, Gracebai has charge of the meeting.

We value prayer that our Christian mothers may be kept in His grace that the Lord may shine through them to the salvation of their children and establishing of them in the faith.

JANET CALLAN.

Lord, Thou canst make this life of mine,
A melody of LOVE,
Teach me to do the gracious deeds,
That make hearts glad and meet men's needs,
And lift their thoughts above.
SATURDAY

As on our daily way we go,
Through light or shade, in calm or strife,
O may we bear Thy marks below
In conquered sin and chastened life.

BISHOP W. WALSHAM HOW.

One of the most important meetings on Saturday, is the Church Panch Meeting, when the members gather for prayer, and also discussion concerning Special Meetings; the Communion Service; as to where to send the offering money, etc., etc.

Also, on Saturday evening, the young men of our community, men who work on the Farm, or as builders or carpenters, many of whom are ‘grandchildren’ of the Mission, hold a meeting, or sometimes take the magic lantern and slides, also their musical instruments and go out to the villages around. Mr. Damle, our new evangelist, usually leads these meetings, but in his absence they appoint their own leaders and carry on. Much prayer is needed that these young men, with lives so full of possibility may become true soldiers of the Cross, and laying aside every weight, may follow on to become stalwarts of the faith, and pillars of the Church here in India.

STRONG DESIRE

Give me a burden, give me a passion,
Give me a heart that will bleed,
Over the lost and tortured souls,
And a love that will intercede.
Teach me to care in a way that will cost,
Teach me the price to pay;
Give me a vision, dear Lord of the lost,
Show me, Oh God, how to pray.

Give me a sympathy deep and strong!
Teach me Thy foes to fight;
Help me to battle ‘gainst all that is wrong
Clad in Thine armour of might.
Send me dear Lord to the darkest place,
To carry the light of Thy Word,
Cause me to show them Thy lovely face
And lead them to Thee, dear Lord.

MURIEL M. ASBERY.

Under appointment to Mukti.
'Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised and His
greatness is unsearchable.'

Let us praise Him for all the opportunity and help He has given Miss Fletcher during her Deputation Work in Australia and New Zealand and let us pray that she may be able to get a passage back to India early in the New Year as proposed; and that God will be with her.

Also let us praise God for enabling Miss Terry to write the book *Kept* the first edition of which was sold within two weeks! May God's blessing be upon the book and upon Miss Terry and Miss Amstutz, and may He guide and arrange for their 'coming over to help us.'

Let us pray that Miss Woodward, now that she is in America on her long overdue furlough, may get the rest she needs, as well as be much blessed in Deputation Work.

You will be glad to see the poem by Miss Asbery, a fully trained nurse, who has been accepted for service here. Do join with us in prayer that very soon she may get a passage out from England and be enabled 'to lead many to Thee, dear Lord.'

Prayer is asked for the nine young girls who have been married during the last three months and gone out from us. Also please continue to pray for our girls at High School; in Training, and for Vimal Dongre during these last months at Wilson College.

Let us offer grateful thanks to God for all His great faithfulness; for the valued help of all the good friends He has given us, which has made it possible for us to carry on; and for all His loving care of us. Jesus we must praise!

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