OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND PRAYER PARTNERS,

As for God His way is perfect, and we know that we can trust Him wholly all for us to do;

They who trust Him wholly,
Find Him wholly true.

We had hoped to let you know that Misses Amstutz and Terry were with us and to let you have greetings from them, but perhaps this will be possible, and also to include a word from Miss Woodward and Miss Macgregor. They are longing to be here and we are longing to have them here. Their help is greatly needed and we are looking to the Lord to make a way for them to come soon.

Reports from Miss Callan arrived too late to be included in the Annual Report, but we are glad to give them here, and also rejoice to let you know that prayer is graciously being answered for Miss Callan during her furlough and in her Deputation work. Please continue in prayer for her, especially as she prepares for the visit to the U.S.A. We look forward to the day when she will be preparing to return to Mukti again, and do hope that she will get all the needed rest and return with a full measure of health for a rich ministry here.

'Send them, O Lord, to tell of Thee'.

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KALIKA BHUVAN: THE BUDS

‘Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it’.—Ps. 127: 1.

How often we bring to mind these words of the Psalmist as we receive in His Name new buds for the Mukti garden. Some seem but poor material, but the Heavenly Master Builder sees what He can make of them, and we desire to co-operate with Him and to get His mind on the training and building up of what are to be His habitation.

This seemed to be an exceptionally busy year. The Lord in different ways sent to us many precious bundles. It was not always easy to collect the necessary garments and bedclothes, but in marvellous ways the Lord supplied every need.

Little Shakuntala was rescued by a missionary from being sold into a place of wickedness. We praise God for sending to us this precious little bud; and pray that she may grow up to be for His glory.

A Mohammedan doctor from the military hospital was visiting the nursery one day giving advice about the treatment of some sick babies. The children had been watching and as we came out of the door they stood up in front of the doctor and sang in Urdu (his mother tongue) a chorus, “Jesus Christ is the Doctor of doctors, O the King of kings”. It was quite unrehearsed; but it certainly was a splendid way of giving the Gospel to this one who was interested in the work.

Before leaving for furlough I had the task—one of joy, not unmingled with sorrow—of sending twelve buds up into the Blossoms compound. As I looked at the group of healthy-looking chubby little mites my mind carried me back to the beginnings of various ones. Most outstanding was Prabhawati who as a baby seemed nearer to death than life. At the age of eight months she weighed 5 lbs. What a transformation! What is His plan for this precious life?

Please continue in prayer for each of the matrons that they may do this service as unto Him and for little ones that they may while still young become His habitation.

JANET CALLAN.
SUNSHINE HOSPITAL

Once again we lift our Ebenezer and say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us". Praise His Name!

The Hospital has had its busy and trying days, but the Lord has graciously undergirded our faithful workers. Okhambai and Nathi Akka have carried on with their helpers in the work. Always there has been a word of praise and a smile. During the year some of the older women have been called Home, some very suddenly, others after a prolonged trying illness. It has been a real joy to see radiance and peace on their faces; and to know that for them the Valley of the Shadow of Death holds no fear, because He is with them.

Some others were sick, nigh unto death; but the Lord had mercy and raised them up again. We are grateful to Him for sending to our help military doctors who kindly gave medical advice. We give to our risen Lord and Master all praise and glory for any measure of success in this work. He is the great Physician. So join us in praise to Him.

JANET CALLAN.

We are eagerly and hopefully looking forward to a start being made on the building of the new Memorial Hospital. Please join with us in prayer concerning everything in connection with this building. We desire that everything shall speak of His glory. Please pray for Subhadra, Surya and Champa. Champa is taking a midwifery course, and the other two will soon be finished their training at the Mission Hospital, Wai. We do praise the Lord for the way He has been answering prayer for them and pray now that nothing may thwart His purposes through their lives, but they may be prepared for a mighty ministry in His Name and be a great joy to His heart. We shall be greatly in need of new nurses and other helpers if the medical work is to be developed and there is a great need, even among our own older women, and little babies, as well as the young girls who are often attacked with malaria fever etc.
EVANGELISTIC REPORT

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. — Ps. 126: 5, 6.

How much we need to encourage ourselves in this precious promise of God as we seek to sow the seed of His word in hearts in the villages around Mukti.

Our evangelist Mr. Damle, has gone out faithfully each Saturday evening with the C.E. band of young men to nearby villages, and the Seed has been sown with a heart yearning to see precious souls won for the Master. Many have been reached; and interest has been aroused in the hearts of some. The enemy of souls has been hard at work seeking to cause trouble; but he is a defeated foe. Victory is of the Lord. Owing to the depletion of staff and sickness of some of the Bible-women we were unable to send a band out to Supa this touring season. Damle Master with his wife and one Bible-woman went out during November, and December, and had many opportunities of giving out the Gospel Message at the bungalow and in nearby villages. A number of men who came to worship the idols nearby remained most of the night at the bungalow hearing the good news of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

In January and February the acute water shortage made it impossible for anyone to go to Supa. However Mr. Damle has been going out to nearby villages and the Bible-women have continued faithfully in their labour for the Master. The classes for Hindu men and women working in the Mission have been carried on by Damle Master and his wife, Anandibai.

The work done seems so little in comparison with the great need of the millions and of haste in the proclamation of liberty to the captives. Oh, may this report cause many to hear again the words of the Master, 'The harvest truly is great and the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth labourers into the harvest'.

JANET CALLAN.
APPRENTICES AND STUDENTS

‘I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth as we have received a commandment from the Father.’

We have just had the joy of witnessing three more of our girls follow the Lord through the waters of baptism. What a blessed time it was, and what a joyous group down at the banana well! Maina, has almost finished her apprenticeship period. She answered all the questions very simply and sincerely and prayed very earnestly that God would help her to walk before Him and be perfect. The other two girls are in High School. They were both brought to us as babies and it has been a great joy to see them grow and develop with a desire for spiritual things. They love the Lord Jesus and want to serve Him. Please do pray for them as the enemy of souls will seek to frustrate God’s purposes being fulfilled in and through their lives. Pray that they may come to know what the Will of the Lord is for their lives so that they will seek to prepare themselves in every way for the work He has for them to do.

Just now all our girls from High School and Training Colleges are home for holidays. There are sixteen of them altogether and we do covet your prayers for each one of them. Vimal Dongre is hoping to return to College after the holiday to prepare for her examination early next year. Unfortunately she has to take a new course which means a lot of extra study, and she will need prayer specially that she may be kept in health as she goes back to Bombay.

Another of our girls has just been married. She, too, had been with us since babyhood. She has served her apprenticeship in the different departments of work and ought to make a good helpmeet for her husband. This girl has had very little money, but before leaving she came to Miss Fletcher with a rupee (1s. 6d)—possibly from money received as a wedding gift—to buy sweets for the kindergarten Sunday School children. We were so happy to hear of this loving thoughtfulness and it must have been very precious to the Lord. We hope these young people will be very happy and their home a Bethany where Jesus will love to resort.

Florence Penny.
‘The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much’.

‘Let us pray ye also helping together by prayer for us.’

Praise God with us for all His great faithfulness and the supply of all our needs, and pray that He will continue to provide for the carrying on of His work here.

Please pray for Miss Penny who sailed for England on October 25th. We hope she will have a restful furlough before returning to Japan to continue work there in connection with the Japan Rescue Mission.

Please pray for the missionaries, many with far too arduous tasks owing to the shortage of staff, and let us continue to pray to the Lord of the harvest that reinforcements may soon be on the field.

By the time this reaches you the touring season will be here. We are looking to the Lord to guide and direct. Do pray that the Seed may fall into good ground and bring forth fruit a hundredfold. We would remember those who have been contacted during the past years, and who seemed not far from the Kingdom.

Preparations for World Sunday School day are afoot, when the Life of Pandita Ramabai will be considered. Oh that a fresh challenge may come to the youth of this land and many may rise up and follow her faith.

Then Christmas preparations must begin and we would ask prayer for real preparation of heart for the Special New Year Services.

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