OUR DEAR FRIENDS,

Many things have happened since our last letter was written. One of the most outstanding is, that Miss Hastie has gone for her much needed furlough.

August 5th will stand out in our memory as one of the very difficult days, that the Lord has brought us through. To leave the land of our love and adoption is never easy, and after the 12 years of varied experiences, it was particularly hard for Miss Hastie. And for the family, to see the one they had learned to call 'Mother' go, meant much. A letter written the next day by one of the girls to her aunt who is teaching in the Gulbarga School, touched us deeply. She wrote: "Our Sundra Moushie (Auntie) left us yesterday, as she said good-bye to us, she kept reminding us that the Lord Jesus was with us. And she went from one to another with words of advice and cheer. It was as if our own mother was speaking to us, she noticed each one of us, and she told me that she would be seeing you on the journey, and would give you my love."

We do praise God for the way He upheld His dear child, and we pray that she may soon receive fresh life and strength for all the Lord's will for her in the days ahead.

Since the last Prayer Bell was written we have had our Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting. We are thankful to have one of the Alliance Mission ladies on the Committee this year. Miss Wells replaces Mr. A. I. Garrison who has gone home on furlough.

Miss Wells has been a good friend to us at Mukti for many years past, she has cared for some of our girls in her Mission and got them happily married. She loves India and India's women, and we welcome her very warmly on our Committee, and we would be exceedingly thankful if the Lord led her to come down here and help us, with her loving, steady hand on the helm, during these day's of change.

Miss Wells has worked for many years in the Gujarati country and to come into the Marathi field would not be easy, but she is at the Lord's disposal, and will do whatsoever He appoints. We feel that her understanding spirit would be a great asset to the work at this juncture.

At our Committee Meeting it was decided to issue the Prayer Bell bi-monthly instead of monthly, and we hope to be in touch with all our friends six times a year, rather than just the occasional letter, and an annual Report.

During the month we have had six weddings, this has made quite a stir in our village life, the six couples seemed to be quite suitably mated, and we trust the outcome will be, six happy Christian homes.

As some pass out, others come in, two wee babies were brought to us in one day, one week, and three weeks old respectively. We commit them to the Lord for His perfect will concerning them.
We are having more rain these days, and we are so thankful for it. But it is hard on the babies, so we would commend them, and all who care for them, to your loving prayer.

Now Miss Brazier will tell us a little about her corner of this vineyard. She writes:

"I would like you as you read, to travel in thought around my side of the Mission, where I am in charge. It is, of necessity a sad side, yet you will find much for which to praise God, and much too for which your prayers are needed."

"Will you come into the Rescue Home? This home is for those who have fallen into sin through immoral surroundings, or have been forced into sin by evil men and women for their own immoral purposes. This home is God's provision for these poor souls, here He provides food and clothing for them, education and a good environment. Some hear of a loving Saviour who died for them, for the first time on coming here."

"Young girls who have not had any education, are sent to School for half the day, and first taught to read, in order that they may read the Bible for themselves. The other half of the day, they are given work to do."

"There are others here, who are sent because they are incorrigible, and though these give a great deal of trouble, we have hope for them, knowing that, with God nothing is impossible. Others are put in this division because of some affliction or because they are morally weak, and this is the most suitable place for them."

"Some of the Rescue cases are really penitent, and are earnestly seeking to know more of Jesus Christ, yet there are others whom Satan still holds in bondage. These need your prayers."

"The next place we visit is called the Defective Compound. Here there are over 50 women and children who are of unsound mind, and as the years roll on, they become more simple. Some are very quarrelsome and difficult, but the Lord knows all about them, and gives the patience needed to cope with them."

"The epileptics and invalids are counted in this compound. The matrons need your prayers that they may be kept faithful in these trying circumstances."

"There is a hospital where the sick have careful attention. We have some who are chronic invalids."

"The mentally weak, are not allowed to sit in idleness, work is good for them, and helps them wonderfully to keep out of mischief. They sweep the floors and compounds, keep the cooking vessels clean, some make bricks of mud, which are sun dried and used for our walls and buildings."

"Some of the patients are not fit to attend Church because of their affliction, so they have a little service of their own at home. It is quite pathetic to see them gather around the one who reads the Word, and gives the simple message; then these all join in prayer which God answers."

"A dining room was needed for these afflicted ones, as their food was served in the open, under trees. They were asked to pray for one, which they began to do in real earnest. Soon after an American gentleman whom I have never seen, wrote and asked what he could do to help us here. I told him that we do not make our needs known to anyone but God, but as he was anxious to help the helpless I felt that this was the Lord's answer to our prayer, so told him of the needed dining room."

"He has, praise God, supplied the money for this, and now these afflicted ones have a nice room where they have their meals, and their own little special services."
"So many people love to give if they can see splendid results, or make some marked advancement, which is quite right, but this friend wanted to help those who were helpless, he looked for no results, but just laid his gift at the Lord's feet to be used for His afflicted ones."

"I have not yet taken you through all my departments but hope to do so later."

Please bear up all these of whom Miss Brazier has been telling us, along with the whole Mukti family before the Throne of Grace. With our dear Founder, we feel that the prayers of God's people are more precious than gold and silver, necessary though this is; and we would ask each one of you to pray for a real Holy Ghost revival, which will make us, to be really to the praise of the dear Lord who has done, and does do so much for us all the days.

We send you our loving thanks for all your care and thought for us.

Yours in His great love,

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