

ALLEN, BELE JANE

— Miss Butler informs us that Dr. Belle J. Allen writes of her pleasure in finding the walls of the Mrs. William Butler Memorial Hospital up to the second story. She had a pleasant summer in England attending the great Keswick Convention, and then going to a quiet place in Sussex to study and wait till cooler weather should make it safe for her to return to Baroda. She is in excellent health, and finds work ready to her hand among our Gujarati Christians. *From the Herald*
Nov. 13/1917

not, perhaps, a great preacher, he was a faithful pastor, a wise and judicious administrator, and a sympathetic friend. For thirty years he has lived in Sears-mont, and today is the most highly respected and best loved citizen in the town; and people who have been away for years, coming back for a visit, always make it a point to see "Father" Fowler. He has always been actively interested in the local church since settling here, until extreme age and infirmity forbade any further activity. He still loves God, the

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Dr. Belle J. Allen was a missionary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, first in Japan and later as a physician in charge of a hospital in Baroda, India. Dr. Allen is a capable and attractive woman. She has remarkable power to attach individuals to herself in a personal way. It is difficult for her to work under direction or in cooperation with other missionaries. She is now listed as "Retired" in this organization.

(signed) Clotilda L. McDowell

221 E. Brown Ave
Burlington, Vt
January 24, 1946

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Executive Secretary

Methodist Board of Missions
New York City, N.Y.

I am writing you my mother, Mrs. E. C. Pate,
in information about her sister, Dr. Pauline
who was sent out by the American Missionary Society
to India by the "Christianian Banner" in 1888, and
later by the New England Board in 1897
to India. She has been there for
about 20 yrs and actual missionary work, but
remained in India doing medical work, out
one of the colleges & later going into private
practice.

But now she is in the U.S. & is really
living in Vermont in India, but
I do not know where she is trying to
obtain for any information & that is not
to be desirable. My last visit in New York
was in Burlington in 1937, & I know to
be in 1930, and that time she was in
that she had made error, more to have
rather sent to your Board in New York at the

time something happened to me, & this information
would then be relayed to her various friends &
relatives in this country.

Have you received any such cables, or any
word at all about her death? If so, will
you please write us the contents, collect?

If you are not, have you any suggestions
where I may know for this information?

This news was very interesting & the
last letter we had from India, was from
a companion of my aunt, "living around London,
told us an excellent condition, & then from a
letter to the N.S.I. in Feb, it is some
messages could be secured. You may wish
me wishes to receive some minutes or a

Or when

The name of the man to whom I
had some information was
was not a relative.

I am at a loss

to find out

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Dr. K. K. B. B. B.
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Lady Linlithgow Sanatorium
Kasauli, India
6/2/46

Dear Miss Morris,

You will be very sorry to hear that our dear Dr. Allen was called to higher service January 2nd. She was not feeling well on Monday night. I called our Med. Supt. who told me that her pulse was good and not to worry. But I did worry all the same. I called him again the next morning, he then told me that her condition was serious and insisted she should be admitted into hospital. I begged him to let her stay with me, that I would wire for two trained nurses, but he would not allow me to do so. I took her to the C. Mililay Family Hospital at noon and she passed away at 2:15 P.M. that same day.

I know it is a wonderful ending to such a wonderful life, passing away quietly from this world into the glory land and now being free from all the weakness of these past few years, but you will understand how empty my life feels without her. She has been such a true marvelous friend to me for so many years. Lester Mason wrote: "We often speak of her as she was during your last two visits to us, so serene, so happy, so peaceful with her radiant smile and quiet voice. She was even then in the presence of the Lord."

She left the following lines for me;
"If I should die, and leave you here a while
Be not like others sore undone, who keep
Long vigils by the silent dust, and weep,
For my sake, turn again to life and smile.
Nerving the heart and trembling hand to do
Something to comfort weaker hearts thru to
Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine
And I perchance, may therein comfort you."

Daily she would pray that she may hear the call, "Well done good and faithful servant." John 14:1-3 she would recite even very often at night.

The flowers of her beautiful friendship and the golden memories are such a treasure. Only God in His wisdom can help us to live through days, such as these.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Kramer

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Born Darbyville, Ohio.

Education - Public High School, Bellefontaine, Ohio. Graduated Ohio Wesleyan University, 1883; Chicago Training School, 1888; Boston University School of Medicine, 1904. Served as interne in a hospital in Boston one year. Post graduate medical study in Vienna.

Accepted by Cincinnati Branch of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society 1888 and appointed to Japan, where she served ten years in educational and evangelistic work, being stationed at Fukuoka, Nagasaki, Tokyo, Yonizawa, and Sendai.

In 1898 she met with a serious accident in Yokohama Harbor, which necessitated her return to America a few months later. This was her first furlough in ten years. While endeavoring to regain her health she took a medical course and in 1907 sailed for India under appointment by the New England Branch to the Mrs. Wm. Butler Memorial Hospital in Baroda. She constructed the building and organized a most important work which in its ministry to women and children reached from villages of the outcasts to the palace. She left the field for her second furlough in March 1913. (See Report of Bombay Conference sent to Mrs. Whitlock through Dr. Kotring.)

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BELLE J. ALLEN, M.A., M.D., F.A.M. ASS'N,
SPECIALIST IN DEFICIENCY DISEASES.

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June 2, 1940

Dear Miss Robinson:

The belated and always welcome
some mail arrived today. In
response to your request, I am
sending my address as above.

I am also sending a photograph.
We are finding interesting
problems among the applicants
for help, which come to us from
rich and poor, high and low
young and old; some with
some with some medical
problems, some others of
various "nutritional" type, but
I just eat new types, and am
doing my best work. 10 years
in Japan, 1888-1889 - Len

Medical study, at Boston Univ
Sch. of Medicine, post-grad
Study in Vienna - then
was sent to India, 1907.

Cordially, rejoicingly,

Wm. L. Allen, M.D., M.C.

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OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dear

The following cable has just been received dated
Knoxville and signed Kramer:

DOCTOR ALLEN HAS CALLED TO TALK WITH VICE PRESIDENT
MILTON S. SLANE, CHAIRMAN, THROUGH, ST. LOUIS, MO.
PETITE.

Dr. Allen has been ill a long time and is still
in hospital.

Very truly,
Sincerely,
Yours,
C. L. ...

Enclosed

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