

camp. The days at first brought plenty to do, as I had to make myself acquainted with the new work, visit the zenanas and schools, and examine the children in the latter in preparation for the annual prize-givings which were to take place as soon as possible.

By the end of March all was ready and the children were made the happy recipients of their dolls, cloth and toys. In the camp school, besides the usual number of visitors, we had two of the ladies of the station with us, who kindly presented the prizes to the children.

The women in the zenanas also were not forgotten, but each one who had studied faithfully throughout the year received a small reward.

In April I left to take my vacation at the hills and spent three months there getting renewed vigor of body, mind, and soul. Such seasons of rest, however, needful they are for the body, are, in this land, especially so for the soul. We need to be sometimes away from our fields of labor in the mount with God to get strength to enable us to take up our work once more amongst the dark heathen masses with renewed faith and purpose.

Miss Dougan kindly visited the schools during my absence and kept me informed as to how the work was going on. However, when the rains broke I was glad to be able to get back once more.

I have been especially encouraged in my work amongst the Chamar people this year. The attendance at the school has largely increased, until now about fifty, that is almost all the children in the mohullah, have been won into the school. As usual during the grass-cutting season, the boys had to go with their parents to the jungle to cut the long, coarse, grass which they use in making rope. This disturbed the school somewhat. Two rooms have been hired, one for the boys and one for the girls, but they offer very poor accommodation as they are very tiny and poorly ventilated.

The children are making very good progress. Some of the larger boys have left, but two are still reading in the fourth book, some in the gospels and other religious books, and others at different stages lower down. A good Bible lesson is given each day, and the children are quick to learn hymns and Bible verses. When we sing the parents also crowd around, sometimes until we have to beg them to let us have air to breathe. Although this is all very encouraging, yet I have several times been saddened by going to the mohullah and finding all the children engaged in doing "puja" before some idol with the usual accompaniment of noisy music. They are still devoted to their gods of wood and stone, but I trust the day is not far distant when they will give them up to worship and serve the true God.