

other things that will be of much use to us, and yet that we *might* do without, rather than ask the Council for them.

I should like to tell you something about Mr. Wilson's village work, which is in some way the pleasantest of all mission work, but must reserve it for another time, as I do not like to put it in a "corner" of a letter. This year, too, Mr. Wilson hopes to be able to spend some time in district work, which is just what I have called village work, but on a larger scale. At present only villages within a few miles of Neemuch are visited in the early mornings. When tents are provided for us we shall be able to make an extended tour, and visit many villages.

I must tell you, though, something rather amusing that we heard the other day in one of these little collection of huts called villages. Mr. Wilson was questioning a group of men who had gathered around him about their religion, asking what gods they worshipped, and what religious ceremonies they performed, etc. "Oh," they said, "we worship God in our temples, just as *you* worship in graveyards."

We are very glad to hear that so many ladies are entering on medical study with the view of coming to India. There is certainly room even now for a number. I know we would like very much to have one here. No one finds so easy an entrance to the zenanas as a lady doctor, and no one is more welcome in any place.

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#### MRS. JAMIESON'S DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIVE PREACHERS.

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Long ago I promised to tell you a little more about the preachers.

1. They are decidedly "taking" in appearance and manner; faces and hands, dress, hair, everything about them neat and clean.

Their faces show the intelligence gained not merely from books, but by quick observation and careful study of everything around them.

Their habit, morning, noon, and night, of criticising and being criticised gives them a bright wide-awake look that is certainly attractive.

In manner they are polite, not forward, but not bashful. In contrast to many Chinese, they receive a stranger quietly, making no fuss or outward show, but, as we learn to know them better, we find more and more that underneath this quiet exterior are