

Mrs. Wilson from the first did what she could to open and superintend girls' schools, and Zenana work, and this department is now under the care of Miss Jamieson who has been in Neemuch for the last three years. She was lately joined by Miss Duncan who will assist her as soon as she has acquired the language. Two native Bible women are also employed in the Zenana work, and a number of houses are regularly visited, in all of which the Bible is read and Christian instruction given. When Miss Jamieson opened the first girls' school in Old Neemuch, the girls were afraid to be alone in the room with her, and it was months before she could persuade them to attend school regularly, now they come willingly and seem anxious to learn. Female medical work in Old Neemuch was begun a few months ago by Miss McKellar, who is now stationed there. She opened a Dispensary in a native house, and begins her daily work with a gospel service, after which the sick who come for treatment are attended to. She has much to contend with because of the ignorance and superstition of her patients, some are so afraid of breaking caste, that drugs must be laid on the floor before they will touch them, and very few will take medicine unless it can be administered dry. Miss McKellar says the reason of this is that they have an idea that if they take anything with water from a missionary's hand, they will at once become Christians. They know that water is the symbol used in baptism and this seems to be the origin of this strange notion; but when the value of medical work becomes known here, as in other places, prejudice will give place to confidence, and bodily healing will prove a valuable aid to more direct Mission work.

NOTICES.

THE Board of Management meets on the *first Tuesday* of every month, at 3 o'clock p.m., and on the remaining Tuesdays of each month at 10 a.m., in the Board Room of the Bible and Tract Societies, 104 Yonge Street, Toronto. Members of Auxiliary Societies, or other ladies interested in the work and desiring information, being introduced by a member of the Board, are cordially invited to attend.

Letters concerning the organization of Societies, and all matters pertaining to Home work, are to be addressed to Mrs. Shortreed, 224 Jarvis Street, Toronto. The Home Secretary should be notified *at once* when an Auxiliary or Mission Band is formed.

Letters asking information about missionaries, or any questions concerning the Foreign Field, as to Bible-readers, teachers or children in the various Mission Schools, should be addressed to Mrs. Harvie, 80 Bedford Road, Toronto.