

The Great Need of Teachers and Zenana Visitors.

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I fear you can scarcely forgive me for being so long in answering your very kind letters, but I trust you will put it down, not to forgetfulness, because I many a time think of all the readers of the LEAFLET whom I know, but just to the fact that the lives of even our new missionaries in India are not by any means idle ones and that much that they would like to do has often to be left undone. I have been in India over a year now, but the time has gone so rapidly that I can hardly realize I have entered upon my second.

I was particularly requested before leaving Canada to devote my first year to the language and take up no work, but we cannot always do what might be best, and so, when Miss McWilliams was obliged to leave, I took up her school work, as the other ladies had their hands full. I have, therefore, had charge of this school for six months, which is held in the native city, just over our dispensary.

The work is, to me, very interesting, though very different from teaching at home ; for the children are quite devoid of any knowledge of law and order ; application and method are to them, also, unknown qualities. I find it very difficult to get them to think, and one is greatly surprised at their utter ignorance of the most commonly known things. For instance, I have asked, not the little children only, but women, how many hours there are in a day and how many days in a week, and they have been quite unable to tell me.

My daily attendance is generally about thirty, though there are nearly fifty on the roll. A few of them are married women,