

The market-place of a sacred town formed the striking setting for a wonderful Sabbath afternoon meeting. The seats were arranged on either side, with a table and chairs for the speaker and his friends at one end. Hundreds were present and many school-boys sat in the intervening space on mats on the ground. An audience of the highly educated of the town was held by the speaker with unflagging attention as he proclaimed the true Light of the World. It was a great hour, and we thanked God for the opportunity, the message, and for Mr. Russell, who delivered it.

Miss Coltart left in March on furlough, and the city dispensary remained closed, much to the regret of the many to whom it had given relief and help for over twenty-two years. There was much distress and death amongst our people as a result of influenza, and day by day the native pastor sped around on his bicycle bringing in supplies of milk to the needy, for there was not a person able to cook.

"Friday," the Last Little Boy of His Village

The village postman brought me a little boy, who, he said, was the last in his village. He was very weak and emaciated, and we despaired of saving him, but he has picked up wonderfully. We call him Friday, as that was the day he came to us.

Evangelistic.—The Gospel is proclaimed in the village and, in addition, two Bible-women work in the dispensary and hospital, also doing follow-up visiting in the homes. At Badnawar, one of our out-stations, another Bible-woman renders service. Weekly Y.W.C.A. meetings have been held, when possible, and sunrise Bible classes prepare the workers for the day's duties.

Educational.—During the plague, school was held wherever the teacher could gather her pupils, sometimes in the shade of a tree, or the lee-side of a hut, but for the three teachers and forty-five pupils, such circumstances rendered the results less effective.

Victoria Indian Orphan Society

Since the great famine of 1897, when the work of helpfulness by this organization began, nearly two hundred boys and girls have been saved, fed and clothed. All my own workers at the present time, with one exception I owe to the V.I.O.S. All the orphans are married, except No Di, a cripple.

A striking incident occurred this year. A widow, who had been an inmate of the orphanage previous to her marriage, remembering kindness received in girlhood, returned with her two children. The boy was sent to Rasalpura, and the mother and little girl were kept as inmates, afterwards expressing their belief in Christ and receiving baptism. Now she, Puni, takes care of little "Friday." The orphanage and school buildings remain as a memorial of kindness to the needy from a band of women whose hearts the Lord touched, being a place to which the destitute and ignorant may come.

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Finding New Soil Prepared by Former Converts

Miss Clearihue.—What a fresh realization of God's loving thought and tender care we have had, when early in the year we saw great poverty and scarcity of food in the villages; saw, daily, little children unclothed and shivering, without food! And then we sympathized with the people in their dread as to the failure of rain and were asked, every time we appeared on the road, why the showers did not come. Like them, scanning the brassy sky every day for signs of rain, we saw the young grain withering, and realized the approach of the dark shadow of famine. But bad as were the conditions, influenza swept down and desolated hearts and homes to a worse degree. While touring during the first two months of the year, the side trips from the central camp, while very tiring, proved well worth while. We taught the women who were busy all day and more than