

the conversation gets too personal they generally remember something they forgot to do or that it is time they were at their cooking. They are afraid of the truth. I have a very good illustration of this in Arsaville. I had a little school among the children, but when Mr Archibald tried to buy land and settle a preacher among them to preach and teach they made a great time and so far have prevented his getting any land. My children have been scattered but after the scare subsides a little I expect them back again. I have two nice little Sunday Schools, one on Sunday morning and the other in the evening. The children are getting along very very nicely, they can sing several hymns and answer quite a few Bible questions. While I am teaching, the big folks stand around and show quite an interest in the lessons.

The Bible Class that I have had since the first of the year among the Sudra women has not been so well attended lately as the people are so busy going to weddings. They give great dinners and feast for ten days after each wedding. We went to one wedding and stayed all night to see the whole performance. I wish I had space here to tell of their fantastic dress, torchlight procession, the arrival of the bridegroom on a white horse, the wedding ceremony, etc etc. I will tell you one thing that will be a surprise viz. Until the ceremony was more than half over the bride and groom had never in their lives seen each others face or exchanged words. He was about twenty-five and she ten years old. The bride was so loaded down with jewelry that she complained of the weight. Many of the women present had anywhere between two and six hundred dollars worth of jewelry on. Such a waste of money but to have lots of jewels is their greatest ambition. Some in my class seem very much interested and I enjoy the hour a week spent with them very much indeed.

Two of my Bible women who are

here at the station have not been able to do any work for some time. One has a little boy a month old and the other a little girl born on the Queen's birthday. Herrimah and I have visited fourteen villages besides the town work during May and I see by my diary that I have made seventy-eight visits during the month. We have found some especially interesting cases and we do pray that those who seem so near the kingdom may have the courage to come out. I will tell you of one woman that I want you to pray especially for. She has said for quite a while that she is believing and since my last talk with her I feel convinced that she is converted. I have invited her many times to church and she would like to go but her husband objects. Last week he said if any of the other women went she might go so Sunday morning when I called there she was all ready but I could not get another woman to go so she had to stay home.

Her husband always makes it a point to get away when he sees me coming so I have never been able to meet him. When she could not go to meeting we sat down and had a little meeting together. I read to her about Christ's baptism and pointed out to her that if we wished to be His children we must follow his example. I then prayed with her asking the Lord to show her his will and help her to do it, after praying I asked her to pray, and in a few short sentences she told the Lord that she was a great sinner but that she believe He had died to save her, and that she felt He had forgiven her.

It will be hard for this woman to leave her home and friends but we feel that they cannot be christians and remain in heathenism so we urge their coming out. Sisters will you pray that the Holy Spirit may so work in her that she may have the strength to give up all and follow Christ. I must give you one item of good news before I close we have had the pleasure of welcoming our Lady Apothecary, Mrs Huffton to Chicacole.

Already she has been called to several cases in the town.

In a very few days she hopes to be settled and ready for full work.

Wishing you every blessing in your work. I am yours very sincerely
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