

of all creeds and castes, Mohammedans excepted; they, as a rule, will not send their little girls to school, although I have had one or two at different times.

The girls in school learn arithmetic, geography, and to read and write in their own language. We teach them sewing and fancy work; and in addition, the elder girls learn English.

Besides my school work, I visit the women in their homes. They wish me to teach them fancy work, and while doing so I am able to read and speak to them of a Saviour's love. Many of them listen attentively to the truth, and are glad when we read the Bible and sing Hindustani hymns to them. It is not always pleasant, however, to visit their homes, for many of their houses are very small; and often two or three families are together in one house, and generally this only of one room, where they cook their food and do their household duties, and also sleep, so that they have always a smoky and oily smell, which is very disagreeable to those not accustomed to it. I often send a calling woman a few minutes before I go, and when they learn that I am coming they have their houses tidy and clean. I have lately lost three families whom I used to visit, and whose children attended the school.

It is discouraging to lose them, but it gives us comfort to know that they have heard the truth, and will in all probability tell others in the place to which they have gone.

Along with a large number of Hindu families, I have access to three Parsee and two Mohammedan families. The Parsees are very interesting. I give lessons in English to one lady every week. The Mohammedans are interesting too, although they are very hostile to Christ. One whom I visited some time ago told me she would be glad if I would visit her, but that I must not speak of Christ; by this I was not able to visit her again, for I always speak of Him wherever I go. This same woman has again sent for me, so I trust she has relented. If so, this then will be the third house among the Mohammedans.

The zenana work, visiting twenty-seven homes, has become so pressing that it needs more of my time than I can give it, along with my school work.