

for reading, singing and scripture truth in company with the men and boys, although they generally sit apart by themselves. Additional classes are held for the women and girls alone, in which sewing and other useful work is taught. For writing and arithmetic, both boys and girls attend at some other hour of the day.

At all the stations, some of the women and girls are found living on the premises of the missionary, and being instructed in the arts and duties of house work.

On Asseityum, Mr. Annand used to have a Bible class especially for the women and girls in addition to the other classes.

At all the old stations some of the girls are taught by the missionaries' wives—taught almost everything that is at all likely to be practical to them in their own homes. The duty of cleanliness and neatness of person and dress is very hard to impress upon them, chastity in word and conduct is not easily enforced among them. Their degradation is so very deep that you can form but a very vague idea of the difficulties that obstruct our work. We cannot explain in writing one-half that is heard and seen here.

We trust that as we gain more influence over the men, to be able to induce them to let the women and girls come and learn. But at present we have to exercise patience. We can neither drive nor coax these people. It is slow plodding work until it please the Lord to open their hearts to the truth. Remember us and them in your prayers, that their hearts may be opened to the truth, and that we may have wisdom given to us to guide us aright.

Many thanks for the *Leaflets* which I receive every month, and I enjoy the reading of them very much. Now with our united kind regards and wishing you every blessing.

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EDINBURGH HOUSE, *May 8, 1890.*

MRS. GIBSON.—I was very glad to learn from your kind letter received early this year that you were recovered from your recent