

they take off nearly all their clothes, wash them, spread them on a rock and wait till they are pretty well dried which does not take long with the hot sun.

These lovely streams are a great blessing in a district. In many places water is very scarce in the dry season no streams at all are to be found.

Arima is a very healthy district, but the streets are not kept as clean as they might be. There is a small black vulture that assists greatly in scavenger work. They fly greedily upon a dead carcass or sit about in crowds waiting the demise of the unfortunate animal which often becomes their prey before it is quite dead. These are to be found in all parts of the country, but in greater numbers in the towns. Do you know of any kind of vultures that seek to prey upon young people in the towns and cities of Canada? Do you know who it is that goeth about seeking whom he may devour? If spared I hope to write you again about the East Indian people of Arima and its neighbourhood.

I remain truly yours,

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MISSION SCHOOL AT TIBERIAS.

The Free Church of Scotland has a mission at Tiberias on the sea of Galilee, and last January, the teacher of the girls' mission-school wrote as follows:

"We have now over fifty girls in our school. Of these, twenty-two are Moslems, which is rather unusual. The others are Jewesses and Greek Catholics. Of course the Jewesses are the most apt to learn, but all are really ignorant of God's Word and the way of salvation.

"Their Bible lessons they love much, all is so new and so real to them. It is so different from the girls in Scotland, who hear from earliest childhood the story of the Creation, of the Fall, of the Flood; and the birth of John the Baptist, also his life; the birth of the Messiah, His youth, baptism, temptation, etc.; and so often is it repeated, that their ears get used to listen, often without thinking; but to see those girls as they listen for the first time,

their pleasure and wonder strike one much. At the close frequently some of them will say; 'Thank you so much for teaching us;' or, 'What a beautiful lesson that is to-day!' One day they said, 'Now we have school, and a teacher, God will expect us to be different from what we were before; and we wish to be good, and please Him, and we will ask Him to make us good.' It is a real pleasure to see how obedient they are, and how much they try to remember all their lessons; and in their homes they do their utmost to help their mothers and be useful. We have visits from some of the mothers every day, so that we know what is done at home very fully.

"You know it is a custom in the East to be able to tell a story well, whilst others listen with great attention. In school it is not only a brief answer that is given to the question put, but each girl will relate with utmost minuteness the whole lesson given, with perfect ease and readiness. In the evenings the lesson is thus given to all the household, and the hymns learned are sung; so the children are teaching the parents, and the mothers come and sit for a couple of hours in school listening to the instruction given."

A BUSINESS THAT DOES NOT PAY.

A gentleman had a talk with a wicked man. "You do not look as if you had prospered by your wickedness," said the gentleman. "I haven't prospered at it," cried the man feelingly. "It is a business that doesn't pay. If I had given half the energy to some honest calling which I have spent in trying to get a living without work, I might now be a man of property and character, instead of the homeless wretch I am." He then told his story, and ended by saying, "I have been twice in the State prison, and I have made acquaintance with all sorts of miseries in my life; but, I tell you, my worst punishment is, in my being what I am."

Who wants to go into such a business as that! The work is hard, and the wages is death.