

that *all* the women before us were widows but four. One most disconsolate-looking woman stood literally behind the door, and could not be induced to come forward. She was a widow, and had lost nine children! Who could measure the woe of that poor heart, which sorrowed thus without hope? No other mission work but such as that pursued by my friend could reach a house like this."

There is reason to hope that many who have thus been quietly taught by Christian ladies have learned to know and love the Saviour, but knowing no life outside the zenana, and compelled by custom to live in seclusion, it is very difficult for such to profess their faith, and to be admitted into the Christian Church by receiving the sacraments.

#### QUESTIONS.

What is said of the women of the middle class, and of their desire for instruction? Why may this branch of mission work be said to be little more than begun? How many zenanas are now regularly visited? What is meant by a zenana School? Why is private teaching still necessary where these exist? Tell what you remember of the first example given to show how zenana work is carried on? Of what another lady says of a morning's work in a zenana? How was she received? What was the bride doing? Why did the lady avoid looking at her? Who was her first pupil, and what is said of her? Of the daughter-in-law? Of the widow? How was the little child taught? What is said of the bride? How does her lesson benefit the others? How is the morning's work closed? In how many zenanas does this lady carry on the same kind of work? What does she say of the results of her labors? What is done for women who have neither time nor inclination to receive regular instruction? In what places is this almost the only form of zenana work, and why? Describe the zenana Mrs. Mitchell visited with a lady who carried on this kind of work? How many women were there? What were they doing? What is said of their appearance? What did the lady say to them, and how did they answer her? What did they want to hear about, and why? In what sad condition were all but four of these poor women? What have we reason to hope as to the result of this quiet way of teaching the way of salvation? Why is it difficult for women in India to make a profession of faith in Christ?