

to himself. His wife said, 'Why do you laugh?' 'I am so happy. Jesus has taken away all my sins; I am going to Him.' He left a wife and five children, and was greatly troubled about them. He said to Miss M., 'If you will promise to care for my children my wife would declare herself Protestant; but what can she do?' The house they live in belongs to the Greeks, who would turn them out if they joined the Protestants, and they have not a penny to live on. The woman comes to the sewing-class, and the *bishalik* (10d.) she gets in the week is all she has to support them.

"The mothers' meeting has been a great success. It is a better way of using the relief fund than giving it away in charity. The women come for two hours twice a-week to sew, whilst M. reads to them. A great many Jewesses come, besides Moslems and Greeks. They receive a half *bishalik* each time for their work, and this is all many of them have to support themselves and children. On Fridays they come to have their names entered for the next week, for so many wish to come that Miss M. has to refuse all whose names are not put down. Sometimes more than 200 come on Fridays, all wishing to join the class. She has first a meeting with them, and those who cannot get in listen at the windows and door. After the meeting, those who wish to buy any of the clothing get it at less than cost price; and Miss M. has got about £23 from them in this way during the winter, and has thus been enabled to go on with the sewing-class after the relief fund was exhausted. We hope that money will come to enable her to carry it on next winter. For some time several of the women have been begging her to teach them to read. Two Jewesses have been coming to read the New Testament with her twice a-week, and many others want to learn. They said, 'We are like donkeys, we know nothing.' At last she consented, and invited any who wish to come to learn to come yesterday afternoon. Very few knew of it, but fifteen women came; two of them were Moslems. They were so eager, and repeated their A B C with the greatest delight. It really seems as if there were an especial awakening among the women at present. The door is open,

and the opportunity should not be lost. I went one day to the mothers' meeting. It was a curious sight. The women all sit in rows on the matted floor. Those who cannot get in sit in the court outside. Many of them have their infants on their knees. Some work very well and very fast, especially the Jewesses. They used to chatter very much at first, but have now learned to be quite quiet. I had taken with me a number of bright-coloured bedcovers we wanted made for the school. They were like children in their eagerness to get the new work, and hands were held out on all sides for it.

"On Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Miss M. has the medical mission meeting at the same house. A very clever native doctor sees and prescribes for the patients, whilst Miss M. makes up the prescriptions, and otherwise acts as his assistant. She has a meeting with the patients from 9 to 10 o'clock, and no one allowed to see the *hakeem* who does not come to the meeting. There is an average attendance of 60 to 80 each time, and of all the cases that have passed through the hands of the doctor since October, only two have died. A medical mission is of great boon in this country, as no doctor ever thinks of attending the poor gratis. If they cannot pay their *bishalik*, they must cure themselves or die. To make it work properly, however, there should be an hospital, as it is impossible to cure some cases when the patients are living in their dirty homes, and are probably ill from starvation. Miss M. would like to take a house, where she could at least have a few beds; and she talks of going to England this summer to try and raise funds for this purpose; and she would also bring out a trained nurse for the hospital. My sister still has her women's meeting on Sunday afternoon, and most of those who attend the sewing-class on week-days come to it. "E. WALKER ARNOTT."

Miss Arnott mentions in a subsequent letter that Miss Mangan has already been promised nearly £300 a-year for the Medical Mission, and hopes to get more to furnish the hospital. Any who may wish to help are requested to send their contributions to the Rev. J. Alison, Newington; or to Miss E. Walker Arnott, 32 Danube Street, Edinburgh.—*Exchange*.