

have left us having been married and taken to the homes of their mothers-in-law. We have been permitted to visit some of them and by doing so have been enabled to keep them interested in the things learned in the school. Religious exercises are conducted daily without any objection being made.

Our Sabbath School in connection with the day school is well attended. We have had an average of thirty during the year, and have been able to distribute through this channel many tracts and other religious literature. The first four months of the year we held a bi-monthly meeting for women of the village and were much encouraged to see the interest shown in the large number who attended. Seeing that this was a success my sister and I thought it better to amalgamate our women's meetings and instead of having one once a fortnight, we hold it weekly and have been very much encouraged to go on as the average attendance has been thirty-five.

I still continue to dispense simple medicines. My father kindly gave me 40 rupees to start with and the Mission has been good enough to replenish my stock. I find that being able to give a little medicine enables me to get access into houses I should not otherwise have the privilege of entering, and so hope to continue this part of my work.

We feel the want of good experienced Bible women very much. Had we one or two we should be able to open meetings and scatter the truth in all the villages around. I have been able to visit four villages occasionally, but time and strength will not permit me to do more, although other invitations are very pressing.

Our visit to Dhar with Mr. and Mrs. Builder was very enjoyable. We feel much encouraged by the interest the women of that and other places in the district took in our visiting them, and we are looking forward with pleasure to another visit next cold season.

The dark cloud which has hung over the women of India for so many years seems breaking, to let in the light of education and the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have again to thank the Missionary Society of Woodstock School, Landour, India, for sending through Mrs. Scott, the lady-Principal, their second donation of 24 rupees. The children of my school here also contributed 4 rupees.

REPORT OF MISS A. STOCKBRIDGE, MHOW.

The year 1886 has been in some respects a successful one. The Bazaar school under my care has 91 names on the roll, viz.: Parsees, 8; Mohammedans, 6, and Hindoos, 77. The average attendance during the year was 64. Separate from the school, I had a class of 6 young women whose ages vary from 18 to 25. The Parsees pay a fee, the remainder attend free, with the exception of a monthly fee of 3 pies for the work class, which is difficult to obtain regularly, as the children often spend it as soon as it is given to them by their parents. When the school broke up for the Christmas vacation, we had an entertainment for the children, at which several influential people were present, among whom were Major General Gillespie, Rev. M. E. Mills, Col. Gibbs, Capt. Smardon, Khan Bahadoor Bezongjee Sorabjee, Kazi Mahomed Akram, Mr. Dadabhoj, and Mr. Cooverjee Cowasjee. All listened very attentively to the little ones as they came forward to read or recite, after which General Gillespie presented the prizes, making an encouraging remark to the children as they came to receive that which was in store for them. I have three helpers in the school, Lakshmi Bai, Rankor Bai, and Jenni Bai, from whom I receive most assistance. Lakshmi Bai was very sick for some time, but is better now and able to take her old place in class.

I have, in addition to my school work, been enabled to visit thirty homes pretty regularly, at each of these homes we sing, read, and sometimes pray. It is astonishing to see the eagerness with which the women listen to us. One woman desired to learn to read and write, so Lakshmi Bai visits her daily. In our Zenana visiting we often take fancy work so that while one reads, the other does her best to teach the woman to work. We have not yet seen any direct fruit of our labor, but slowly prejudices and antipathies are breaking up, and we are looking to our Heavenly Father for strength to enable us to go forward in the great work He has given us here.

Last month we accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Builder to the districts, and during the three weeks we were there we had many opportunities of speaking and working for Christ. One day we went into the back streets of the city of Dhar. After